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BEAUTIFUL, blue-eyed blonde walked into a police station in Atlanta, Geofgia, and told the officer-in-charge that she had just stabbed her sweetheart with a pair of scissors. She said his dead body was now lying on the floor of a local hotel.

Then she added, tearfully, that
the dead man was not her husband. The officer-in-charge sighed.

The old story was here again. Police immediately began an investigation . . . but ran up against a stone wall. Something was all wrong with the pretty girl's story. At the hotel where the crime supposedly took place, the manager said he knew nothing about any murder, had no dead guests on the premises, and had never seen the blonde in the company of any man except her husband. The couple had been registered at the hotel for about two weeks. They were from Chicago and were vacationing.

Questioned again by police . . and now also faced by a handsome, but angry husband . . . the blonde laughed the whole thing off.

"I just wanted to see how the police would act when a good-looking woman confessed to a mur-" she told detectives, "I really didn't kill anyone. I made the whole story up.

Police promptly locked her up. on the possibility that she was either nuts or had been wasting their time for some publicity stunt. They also scheduled her for a mental examination.

Commented one officer, "Well, this murder is sure 'different'." The woman's husband, trying to explain his wife's unusual behavior to annoyed cops, said, "She's done this before.

Later police released the blonde -after a stern lecture about wasting their valuable time. THE END



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men stepped from benind the busines in front of the house. They ordered Ansel to hand over his wallet. One of the holdup men carried a gun. He pointed it menacingly at Ansel, who still bad his hand on the car door. Ansel handed bis wallet to the

gumman. As be did, his wife and son began backing toward the porch. The gumman suddenly fired several times at Mrs. Ansel. She screamed and fell to the ground. Ansel started toward his wife but was stopped by the gumman. "Let her be," the man said, "You "Let her be," the man said, "You

get into the car."

Terrified, Aneel got back into his car and was joined by the holdup men. Seconds later the car roared out of the front yard and headed in the direction of Kuhntown.

Young Ansel ran to neighbors for help Soon after, an ambulance was at the farm and Mrs. Ansel was returned to the state of the soon of the soon and the soon of the soon

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jaw, chest and abdomen.
Sheriff Thomas arrived at the farm about the time the ambulance was pulling out.
Young Ansel gave an excited account of what had happened. He had barely finished his story when

the senior Ansel burst into the room. He'd been released by his captors about a mile up the road. Ansel could add little to his son's story. He never carried much money in his wallet, be had no idea who the gunmen were and he could not understand why they suddenly fired

at his wife.

The only clue available was the tire tracks from Ansel's car leading from the farm toward Kuhntown. The tires were well-worn and left a distinctive track.

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Sheriff Thome tracks. They ended about two miles down the road.

A short distance away, however,
another set of tire tracks began.

But these faded out when the road
turned into a main highway.

Sheriff Thomas returned to where
the tracks of Ansel's car ender
found Ansel's automobile. It had

been driven into the bushes. It was obvious what had happened. The bandits bad abandoned Ansel's car and taken off in their own, which they had parked near-

by.

Sheriff Thomas felt there was only one reason why the handits had switched cars; they must live somewhere in the neighborhood and knew the Ansels would recognize their car.

As Sheriff Thomas returned to town, he puzzled over two interesting questions: why had the bandits shot Mrs. Ansel and why, had they taken Ansel with them? They needn't have done either. They had the wallet and could bave made a quick getaway. Nothing Ansel or his wide could have done would have stopned them.

Interesting questions without answers for the present.

The next morning, Sheriff Thomas received a phone call from Clarence Brodderick, a farmer. He'd found an abandoned car on his property that morning and he'd heard about the shooting over the radio and he thought the car might (confiseed en one 72)

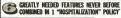
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Think you know your women in crime? Then try your hand \(\therefore\). or or rather, your memory \(...\) with this photo quiz. See if you can identify these five infamous murderesses, from the pictures and brief clues to their crimes. They all made head-lines in their day, Rote yourself as follows: 5 correct, good; 3 or 4 correct, foir; less than 3, better read \(VOMEN\) in CRUME more regularly

(for answers turn to page 64)



 She had two passions: a young Latin over and easy money. She prompted her lover to meet women through Loney Hearts clubs, then helped him to kill hem after he had taken all their money.



One of America's most notorious gunmolls, she smoked cigars, handled a gun like a sharpshooter. She was lover and partner of badman Clyde Barrow, boasted they topped James Boys.



 First woman to be executed in Colifornio's gas chamber at Son Quentin, she and two accomplices killed an unreliable member of her youthful gang. Her regal nickname was "The Duchess."



4. Young and pretty, she killed two exroommates, hacked up their bodies, sent them to Coast in trunk, thus gaining fame as a trunk murderess. She made later news by escapes from asylums.

A WOMEN IN CRIME

PHOTO QUIZ



5. She took part in the incredible kidnap-slaying of a six-year-old youngster, son of a wealthy Kansas City auto dealer. She also helped callect \$600,000 cransom, paid for critice in any chamber.







Illicit sex

pays off in a shocking

double murder...

By Loy Warwick

T'S MIGHTY NICE country down around Charlotte, North Carolina. But we're thinking mostly about a little way out, the town of Hickory, a few miles over to the northwest; and Lincolnton, seal of Lincoln County, just a whoop and a holler from Charlotte in the same general direction; and a farm near general direction; and a farm near





There's something else peculiar about this territory, too, which has a bearing on the case we are about to present.

You don't read or hear much about divorces in this region, or about philandering busbands (or wives) getting sued, or about correspondents being "named." People down this way are more direct in such matters. They don't bother much with lawyers and motions and restraining orders.

They don't, at least, until "after the fact," when the case is far beyond the jurisdiction of the civil courts, and the District Attorney has already begun canvassing the jury concerning their views on capital punishment.

A glance at the record for July

stb-the important date in this narrative-shows that in Burlington, northeast of the Charlotte area, a man with the improbable name of Jesse James had been appointed fulf of the 50-man police force. In Concord, a posse of 30 wellarmed citizens were reported souring Cabarrus County for a pack of wild dogs, which had been terrorizstock.

ing to track down the burglars who broke into a restaurant and got away with \$500. The case of shapely, asb-blonde Elizabeth Sanders Parker, however, was a little more serious. She complained that someone had broken up her home. Elizabeth, who is 25years-old and mother of a boy, 4, and a girl, 6, got out the family shotgun. . 12 gauge.

GOING BACK OVER events leading up to July 9th, Elizabeth said she had never seen her step-sister, Hazel Kathleen Rudisill, until two months before. A red-haired, symmetrically rounded cbarmer, Kathleen was only I7-years-old. Daughter of Elizabeth's mother's second husband, she showed up one day in Hickory, which was not been seen to be seen and the seen

At this time, Elizabeth was the breadwinner for her family, she said. Charles Parker was unemployed, and in a position to move about pretty freely. According to Elizabeth, he did just that-moved freely in the direction of her alluring halfsister.

Parker.

The worst thing, of course, from Elizabeth's standpoint, was that she had to work nights at her job in a Hickory textile mill. But even so, (she complained,) in the daytime— "It was him chasin' and chasin' ... Leaving me home with the kids ..."

Nor was that all, said Elizabeth
... Then comin' back to accuse
me of being bad and beatin' me up."
She was talking now to Sheriff
Frank P. Heavner at Lincolnton
And she said: "Then this last thing
I couldn't stand it no more."

The object that the control of the c

And the kids—They needed things."

Came the day, Sunday, July 1st, when Sizzabeth discovered that Kathken was no longer a guest he house. But this didn't solve any—the house but this didn't solve any—farker, her husbanders Raeford Farker, her husbander her vest the father of her two children, had also taken off.

Elizabeth didn't do anything about

it then. Indeed, there wasn't much
the way it looked-she could do.
But she could wait . . .

JUST PRECISELY WHEN Charlie Parker came hack home, no one seemed to know. But Hickory Police Chief M. L. Little knows that Parker was there on the afternoon of Monday,

July 9th.

He was there, in the bedroom, lying in a pool of blood, dead from a shotgun blast.

ELIZABETH TOLD about it. Looking at her, it was hard to swallow. Cuddled into a cute little blouse, and wearing blue jeans that clung to the soft curves of her hody like a wet swim suit, it just didn't seem to add up—the thing Elizabeth had to tell. She walked calmly into the Limcolnton Police Station, and said in

cointon Police Station, and said in an even voice: "I want to report a double murder." Just like that. It wasn't until later that she cracked, and wept, and became hysterical. Not until sfer she told what

had happened to Kathleen ...
After shooting Charlie Parker,
Sheriff Heavner said Elizabeth told
him, she left the house, got into
the family car—a 1950 Cadillac—
and drove 20 miles over mountain
roads to Kathleen's farm home near
vale. Elizabeth pulled up in the
girl. Kathleen came out. Elizabeth,
till scated in the car, becan to ask

her questions.

Kathleen admitted. Elizabeth said.

loved her—"and they were going to run away to Alabama."
"I reached back on the rear seat," Elizabeth said, and got the gun, stepped out of the car, and shot

her . . . "

As Kathleen crumpled to the ground with a shotgum charge in ber stomach, Elizabeth got back in her the car—the motor had been running all the while—and drove off. She drove straight to the Lincolnton Police Station to report the "double mur-

der."

Kathleen, meanwhile, was taken to Lincolnton Hospital in critical condition. Just five days later, she

As ELIZABETH sat dazed in a cell in the Lincoln County Jail staring at nothing, a visitor asked kindly what she was thinking of. "Nothin;" replied the girl, listlessly smoothing the jeans. "It's all gone now . . It's just nothin'. . ."

That same day, as she was held without bail on a charge of murder, Elizabeth was transferred to the Gaston County Jail at Gastonia, which authorities regard as better conditioned for housing women and

juveniles.

The prisoner, who now had lapsed into silence, didn't seem to care one way or the other where she was being taken or what was happening to her. But on the following day she

surprised her jailers by asking them to grant her a last look at the man she had slain.

When Deputy Sheriff Jack Scronce looked at her questioningly, Elizabeth told him simply: "I think that much of him."

Executed by Scronce and Mrs. Frank Heavner, wife of the Lincoln County Sherrif, Elizabeth rode in the back seat of a patrol car to Lincolnton, where Charles Parker's body lay in a funeral home. Still clad in her jeans and a light blue blues, she dight speak once during the ride. She walked into the funeral home like one in a trance.

Then, flanked on either side hy Scronce and Mrs. Heavner, she went slowly over to the casket and gazed down upon the form of her husband. Almost as soon as her eyes came to rest upon the face of Charles Parker, wearing the waxen mask of death, the gift gave way to a violent storm of sols. She grow may to a violent storm of sols. She grow may to a violent who urged her. "Come, honey, left's

BUT THE STRICKEN Elizabeth was reluctant to leave the casket. At last, however, she let herself be led away in dragging, halting steps. And all she was heard to say, in a strangled, harely audihle whisper, was: "Oh, Lord-Oh, Lord, I'm sorty."

go sit down for a while."



By Stephen J. Hoyt

AWKINS DEAN BENT over double with pain in the big bed, butting his wife as he clawed at the fire in his

"Oh. my God. Send for the doc-

the doctor

Dovie Blanche Dean, his bride of less than four months, snapped on the bedlamp and surveyed him with alarm. "What's the matter, dear?" But the agony in Hawkins Dean's face the tissue whiteness of his farmer's mahogany brown skin, told her that this was no time to dally with words. She wrapped her kimono tight around her lithe frame. and rushed downstairs to phone for

"And not a minute too soon." Dr. Joseph H. Batsche had later congratulated her, when Hawkins had been rushed to Christ Hospital in Cincinnati

"What's wrong with him?" Dovie Blanche asked anyiously "Hawking has always been the healthiest of

Dr. Batsche looked puzzled and shrugged. "It's too early to tell yet. It could be cirrhosis, or any of several other things."

Fear contorted Dovie Blanche's broad features, "I've known Hawkins a long time, but we've been married such a sbort while. I hope God doesn't take him from me now." She began to weep.

Dr. Batsche natted her arm awkwardly. "God in his infinite wisdom knows best." he said. "But I think we can null Hawkins through"

The twice-widowed farmer was 15 years older than his bride, who, though she had mothered several children, was in the prime of life, She had faced the growing loneliness when, separated some years from her husband, John Woolton, she had divorced him to marry Dean, and share her life with the

well-to-do, retired farmer. Hawkins, since burying his second wife and a potential third, his fiancee had lived in solitary loneliness in the modernized farmhouse on his 68-acre form in Owensville He found little permanent consolation in the frequent visits of his married daughter who lived nearby, and after recovering from the grief of his flancee's death, he had begun to court Dovie Blanche

With his new bride's married children scattered through the Middle West, they had spent many long weekends that summer visiting and playing host. In fact, they had just returned several days before his attack from a visit to Newark, Ohio. Life had perked up considerably

for Hawkins Dean since his marriage to the younger, vivacious grass widow, and it would be a shame if

he should die now Hawkins Dean didn't die-that is not just yet. A week in the hospital did miracles for the farmer restoring the nut-brown health to his cheeks and body, and his hearty, out-of-doors appetite soon restored the strength to his limbs. When he was discharged from the hospital he appeared to be in better condition than he had been for years.

The next call to Dr. Batsche came on Thursday, August 21st. It was from Hawkins' only child, Mrs. May

"Father's had another bad spell," she told the doctor. "I'm there now, Will you come quick?

Hawkins Dean's agony was something to behold. It was far worse than his first seizure had been. And though Dovie protested mildly that she didn't think he was in shape to be removed to the hospital, Dr. Batsche phoned again for an ambulance, meanwhile attempting to alleviate the old farmer's suffering. But early Friday morning, just as the ambulance pulled into the farmyard Hawkins Dean died

Dovie buried her face in her hands and poured out her grief. May Perry sat in stunned silence. (continued on page 50)

There was a deadly kick in her heady love-potionsand the groom forgot to say when!

"Pour Me Another... Just Like The Other!"

Partners in sex.

partners in crime,

these are

the debutante gangs

that service

By Frank Sawyers

They swept down upon their quarry yelling like a Comanche war party, lusting for blood.

From all sides they charged, swinsing their weapons as they

came. And the air was blue with the obscenty of their curses and terrifying threats. Panic engulfed the residents of the neighborhood

the neighborhood
Frightened mothers ran to the
street to herd their children to safety behind locked doors.

Eyes filled with fear peered out furtively from the edges of drawn window curtains. There were a few men on the street. But they merely stood at safe

distance The sheer ferocity of the attack was enough to suppress all natural impulses to intercede. Thus it was that the Hawks bore down on their vectims—five young girls, walking peacefully homeward

from a church meeting impossible, Surrounded and overwhelmed, they could not save themselves in flight. Nor had they anything with which to protect themselves. Prayer books and dainty purses are not very formidable weapons against such

foes . . . The girls, the eldest among them 16, could only scream for help. But their pitiful cries were lost in the wild, profane shouts of the attack-

ers.
There were at least 25 Hawks in the raiding force.



And all were girls, following a girl leader-a ruthless gang of teenage terrorists: a mob of adolescent Amazons, bred in the savage sinks and asphalt jungles of the Big City The Hawks-birds of prey-justified the name they had chosen for

But whatever these girl hoodlums - hoodlumettes, gangsterettes - call themselves, all are from the same mold. Tactics and a taste for violence differ little between the Hateks and others of their kindthe Cheyenne Debs, for example, or the Young Witches and the Imperial

When the Hawks swooped down on the five girls they were "in uniform. Many of them, maturely and sturdily formed, filled out their tight, faded blue dungarees with the dra-

matic candor of juvenile Marilyn Monroes. All wore leather jackets which, when flying open, revealed white shirts unbuttoned provocatively low in order not to conceal the generous proportions of their young bosoms. It was about 9:30 o'clock on the evening of April 23rd-a Mondaywhen the Hawks attacked. The scene was on Lee Avenue, in the

Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, New York. Williamsburg, in the largest and most populous of the city's five sprawling boroughs, is something less than a center of fashion and high living. Many good people-and many very poor-live there in its teeming tenements and slum dis-

Called, sometimes, by its fanatically loyal denizens, the "City of Churches," because there are so many of them, Brooklyn is the home of the Dodgers. But, more sinisterly. it is also internationally famed as the home of the now defunct, but never-to-be-forgotten, syndicate of professional killers and hoods-

Murder, Inc. Thus violence in all its forms is . known only too well to the borough's nearly 3,000,000 inhabitants. But the marauding bellcats of organized girl gangs are of relatively recent vintage, growing more vicious and more defiant with every

The five girls, whom the Hatoks had selected for their target on this night, had departed only a short time before from the Roman Catholic Church of the Transfiguration, at Marcy Avenue and Hopper Street, where they attended a confraternity meeting. And they were nearing their bomes.

The Hawks, some flailing their victims with the buckle ends of heavy garrison belts, and others brandishing knives-the rest clawing, biting and kicking-launched

their attack as the girls turned into

Lee Avenue In the wild confusion, several of the Hawks singled out one 16-yearold. And while the defenseless, terrified girl was held at knife-point. others lashed her unmercifully with belts and rained blows on her head and body with battle-toughened The garrison belt, like lengths of chain is standard equipment for

members of girl gangs, as it is

Detectives John Burke and Robert Cavallaro, cruising in a squad car, saw the mob of deadly dungaree dolls as they entered Lee Avenue.

They moved in to break it up. As Burke leaped from the car Cavallaro sent in a fast radio call for reinforcements. Almost as one, the gangsterettes spotted their most despised of all

enemies-cops-as Burke ran toward them. Releasing their battered victims

Like a mongrel with rabies, she bit left and right, clawing, kicking, and flailing with ber fists Then the other Hawks, seeing one of their number captured, stopped dead in their tracks, swung around.

and came raging back to fall upon Burke with demoniac fury, The detective suffered more than

The girl fought like one possessed

the blue-jeaned she-wolf.

20 helt-buckle blows on his head and face. His cheek was laid open.



While the terrified airl was held at knife point, the others lashed at her,

among their male counterparts. The belt, however, is not sufficiently deadly in its "natural" state-so the buckle edges are honed to razor sharpness and become awesome in-

struments that leave gaping wounds. scarring and mutilating. The Hawks might well have murdered their five helpless victims, instead of merely spilling their blood upon the payement, had they not been interrupted by the chance appearance on the scene of two New York City detective officers.

with parting blows, and trampling over their prostrate bodies, the Hawks scattered.

Fourteen of the original attack party of 25 fled up Middleton Avenue, shouting defiance and hurling curses of almost inconceivable filth as they ran, turning over garbage cans to impede the pursuing de-

Burke, who was in the lead-Cavallaro baying been delayed just long enough to radio for help-overtook one of the girls and grabbed

and one eye was closed.

How much more seriously Burke may have been injured, if reinforcements had not arrived within minutes, may not be apparent to the average reader. But any cop who has been forced to deal with the like of these gang girls, who has seen their bold eyes narrowed to blazing points of murderous hatred, knows what he is up against-and would almost sooner step naked into a den

of wild and starving beasts. Only five of the Hatoks were can-

tured by Burke, Cavallaro, and the other officers who came to their aid. One of the prisoners was only 14 Two were 16, and two others 17.

The four older Hawks, who seemed very much aware of the sort of attention they received from some masculine eyes as a result of their form-molding dungarees, postured and strutted when brought to court. However, the youngest, no doubt to her lasting disappointment was denied the advantage of a more adultminded audience. She was handled

by juvenile authorities As for the preening 16-and 17year-olds, it was not from dismay or shock upon hearing themselves charged with felonious assault and held in \$2,500 bail that they drew in tummy-flattening breaths, and braced their shoulders. It was rather, the automatic trick known to all "cover girls," for instance, when extra emphasis on the bust line is desirable

None of the five girls ambushed by the marauding Hanks escaped unscathed. And the 16-year-old singled out, was so cruelly beaten she required hospital treatment-as

did Detective Burke. "These girls are really tough, said Burke, who has had enough experience with crime and violence in Brooklyn to speak with authority. "It's hard to realize. But they talk just like the old mobsters and coldblooded killers of Murder, Inc." Burke paused for a moment, as if

weighing his words. "There's a difference, however, in the way they talk. As vile as the Murder, Inc. mob was, their language was not anywhere near so foul and obscene as the filth these gang-girls spew out with almost every breath Meanwhile, the fearful mothers

and fathers of Williamsburg pleaded with authorities for more adequate police protection from the roving bands of girl hoodlums, whose reign of terror continued unchecked. One mother, recalling graphically how her 16-year-old daughter had been attacked and beaten by a mob of the same Hawks, was on the verge of desperate tears as she

nokod. "Why don't the police send us more protection against these wicked girls?" "We need more policemen to

watch the neighborhood. There's only one thing these gang girls are afraid of-and that's a uniform, When they see a uniform, they run for cover About a month before the Hawks made their savage assault on Catherine Brown and her friends, another young girl-alone against the

gang-was attacked. This victim trembled with fright at the mere mention of the dread name, and begged that ber identity not be disclosed "They told me after they heat me up," she said, "that if I ever talked, they'd get the Leebops after me. The Leebops are a gang made up of both boys and girls whose crimes and unprovoked attacks upon children-some of them as young as 10 and 12-have made them feared

throughout Williamsburg and in adjacent areas as well As is often the case, girl gangs are allied with boy gangs. Earlier in the sinister rise of hoodlumism among juveniles, girls were cast more in the roles of "camp followers," and were always availableand eager-to serve as partners in

sex as well as in crime. Such relationships still exist of course. As does the custom of "breaking in" new feminine talent when it comes to the boy gang in the form of girls innocent of the more realistic phases of sex.

Thus, not a few young girls, having allied themselves with gangs, and failing to fully understand what is expected of them, are brutally inducted into the mysteries of sex by mass rape.

In time, the girls become not only the steady lovers of one-and, frequently, more than one-gang member. They develop into dependable weapon-bearers and, among the more unfortunate, bearers of illegitimate babies, also The "independent" girl gang is comparatively new on the juvenile

scene however Such mobs of ferocious young females-and they are prowling the streets in virtually every large city, and numerous small ones-are composed entirely of girls and are bossed by girls.

As in all areas of crime, however, the bands of hoodlumettes have "connections" - there are always gangs of teen-age thugs upon whom they can call for assistance when needed (which is rarely). And, of course, in exchange, the girls stand ready to reciprocate. Unlike boy gangsters, who go in for a variety of criminal activities

robbery and dope-pushing included, the girl boodlums seem organized for no other purpose than to inflict violence upon weaker members of their own sev And, of course, they carry on warfare with rival gangs. Echoing the words of Detective

Burke, a Denver, Colorado, policewoman, referring to such inter-gang clashes, said: "They're tough, None of their fights end until someone is severely hurt. They fight with knives, teeth,

fingernails and any other weapon at hand "As for a code-they have none.

(continued on page 64)

KNIFE CUTS WID

A man-hungry cutie leaves behind a blood-red clue to murder!



By Fred W. Johnson

HIEF OF DETECTIVES Michael
Orecchio looked around the
basement. Then he turned to
watch Dr. Gilady examine the
body that lay on the floor.
It was the body of Mrs. Sadie

body that lay on the floor.

It was the body of Mrs. Sadie
Schultze, a stout, heavy-set woman
in her middle fifties. There were
deep cuts and bruises on her head,
chest and shoulders.

Orecchio turned to Detective Milt Byrnes. "Post some men around the grounds," he directed. "If there are any footprints, I want to see 'em." Byrnes nodded and left.

Dr. Gilady looked up from the body and said, "This woman sure took a terrific beating. Some of those wounds are several inches deep."

"What kind of a knife was used?"
"Judging from the wounds, I'd say it was a bread knife. There are also a number of odd bruises on her face and neck. I can't figure out what kind of a weapon made them. It was something blunt and wielded with considerable strength and power."

"How long has she been dead?"
"It's seven-thirty now. Around five o'clock or a little later would be a good guess. I'll know better after the autopsy."

"T've sent to Jersey City for some he lab men," Orecchio said. "They'll be to here soon."

Orecchio turned and went up the winding stairway to the kitchen. The table, he observed, was set for three. On the stove were several aluminum pots containing uncooked vegetables. A glass coffee pot covered one until burner. It was obvious that the murdered woman had been interrupted in her preparation.

of the evening meal.

The big detective strode into a nicely furnished living room. A heavy-set, moustached man in his late 50's occupied one chair, his head in his hands. Across the room a tall, thin-faced young man sat staring into space. Orecchio pulled up a

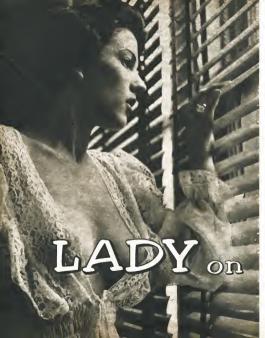
chair and sat down.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Schultze," he said,
"but your wife was murdered. That
means questions. When did you see
your wife last?"

"I left the house this morning about nine o'clock," Schultze said.
"I have an office on Walker Street-I'm in the construction business with my son-business was unusually heavy today and I didn't close up (senfineed as nees 42).



Detective inspects scene in cellar where Mrs. Sophie Schaltze was murdered.



By Godfrey Benton

Police officials found the Bender apartment on a secluded hack street in Cleveland, Ohio, on the morning of March 29th, in a hloody shamhles.

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The crimson gore, as though sprayed hy the hlade of a giant fan, was everywhere—on the floor, on the walls, on the ceiling.

walls, on the ceiling.

"A terrible sight," Dr. Samuel
Gerber, Cuyahoga County coroner,
said grimly, "This room is like a

slaughter-house."
Detective Sergeant James Hogan, lean-figured veteran chief of the homicide squad, agreed with him. He gave up his scrutiny of the room and turned to the corpse of Steve Bender on the bed.

Bender lay sprawled on his hack, his legs twisted beneath him, in a heap of hlood-soaked bedclothes. His face, a hroken, hattered pulp, was unrecognizable.

Hogan grimaced. "How long has he been dead?" he asked. Dr. Gerber shrugged. "Four-possihly five-hours."

The homicide chief glanced at his wristwatch. It was only a few mininutes past six in the morning. That would place the time of the slaying sometime between one and two. "Doesn't it strike you as peculiar that it wan't reported earlier" the

coroner asked quietly. He bent over the still figure and hussed himself with his preliminary examination. "No," Hogan said. "A man's head doesn't make any noise when it cracks open, and the noise from the tavern directly below us would have drowned out any noise the killer might have made."

He turned away from the sight of the cadaver and studied the room again. It was, except for the splattered hlood, meticulously neat. The carefully folded trousers on the chair had not been disturbed. The hureau had apparently not been touched; the contents of the drawers were still carefully arranged.

HE TUNNED ABBUPTLY and walked from the room, closing the door securely behind him. The corridor foor creaked as he walked down its length to the living room where a half dozen persons were gathered. Freed nodded, glanced down at Julia Bender, a tall, attractive at the second of the second of the consolably. Beside her, clutching her hand, tears streaming down his checks, her five-year-old son cried

softly: "Don't, mommy, don't."

On the opposite side of the chair, his arm comfortingly around the woman's shaking shoulders, was a sober-eyed, middle-aged man. He introduced himself as Ben Freed, owner of the Acme Tavern on the ground floor.

"You called police?" Hogan asked. the weeping woman, then wet his lips nervously.

"I was just opening up," he said,
"when I heard Mrs. Bender scream.
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the Back Street

Suspicious of his every move, she kept

a lookout for the names in his little black book!

until almost three o'clock, but he hard heard no cries or other sounds

from the apartment above.

Steve Bender, he explained, owned and operated the busy corner gas
station. On Easter Sunday, the day
before his death, he had enjoyed
a particularly brisk business. He
had cloved the station at approximately midnight, and had stopped

in the safe for a nightcap.
"Did he seem worried about anything?" Hogan asked.
"No," Freed said. "On the contrary. He was feeling particularly

good. He had a pocketful of money and invited some of the boys to the bar for drinks."

"A pocketful of money?" Hogan said evenly. "Did he flash it

around?"

Freed hesitated: "I suppose a number of people did see that roll of his."

desire for revenge could only be satisfied by brutal violence. It was fully an hour before Julia Bender was sufficiently recovered to talk to Hogan. She had gone to a movie early in the evening with her son, she tearfully explained. They had stopped at the gas station, on the way home, to say goodnight.

to Steve.
"I went to bed about eleven
o'clock," she continued between
sobs, "I slept in the boy's room.'
She buried her face in her hands.
"I didn't want Steve to disturb me
when he came in." she crited

when he came in!" she cried.
She had slept soundly, she admitted, and had not even heard her husband come in. Nor had she heard any other sounds or cries during the night. The alarm clock had wakened her at six o'clock. She had gone in to waken her husband. "I remember screaming..." she told

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Urmaved by her brutal act, the killer smiles warmly at police questioning.



book was found underneath his pillaw.

Coroner Gerber entered the room bubing his hands briskly. "If you're done in there," he inclined his head toward the bedroom, "I'll have the body removed to the morgue." Hogan nodded. "Just one question: How much money did he have

of him?"

Gerber referred to a small black notebook. "Two dollars and twenty-seven cents," he said promptly. "That was in his wallet in his rear

pants pocket."

Freed looked surprised. "So that's it . . ." be said softly.

Hogan shrugged non-committally.

Hogan shrugged non-committally. Bender, be reflected, might have been robbed. But that vicious rain of blows smashing his head to a gory pulp told a story of another motive. Someone had hated Bender had hated him so bitterly that the Hogan. "I think Mr. Freed came running up. I'm not sure."
Hogan studied the face of the grieving woman. "I'm sorry to have to ask this," he said gently. "Butdid Steve." He hestated at the look in her eyes. "I'm sorry," he said.
He excused himself as Detective Chief Joseph Sweeney beckmed him from the kitchen doorway.

Hogan walked over to join his superior. "This should answer your question." Sweeney said. He handed over a black-covered pocket notepad. "The coroner found it underneath his pillow. He didn't want to give it to you while you were talking to

the woman."

The notebook, Hogan noted as he flipped the pages, was filled with the names and addresses of dozens of

women. If Bender had been intimately acquainted with even half the women listed, the detective reflected, he had established something of a new high in philandering.

Together, Sweeney and Hogan began a meticulous examination of the apartment. The four rooms were scrupulously neat. Mrs. Bender was obviously an excellent housekeeper. In the trim, white-painted kitchen, Hogan leaned against the ironing board and talked to Crimunologist David L. Cowles and his aide, Serceant Ernest Ohlirch. The two

ggst David L. Cowles and his aide, Sergeant Ernest Ohlrich. The two officers from the laboratory had gone through the entire apartment, room by room, searching for fingerprints.

"Find anything?" Hogan saked.

The pad of the ironing board was damp and he edged his hand over. "Nothing," Cowles admitted glumly. "At least nothing that means anything."

He pointed to a small group of objects stacked on the kitchen drain.

"We're taking those down to the laboratory for examination." He picked them up, one at a time, with a shrugging geature. A round-headed hammer, as Cowles held it up for his inspection, interested him.

"Any fingerprints on it?" Sweeney asked.

"Plenty," Cowles grimaced. "Bender's, his wife's, the kid's, Mr. Freed's. But I doubt if it was the murder wespon. Too clean." The investigation into the brutal

murder of Steve Bender proceeded that afternoon under the direction of Hogan and Sweeney. The notebook with its list of names was turned over to Detectives Dufin and Kennedy with instructions to find out the exact relationship of these women to the victim.

A detail of officers, under the direction of Detective William Mc-Manus, visited the gas station belonging to Bender in the hope of finding a clue hidden amidst the oil cans and rags. Sweeney and Hogan personally

Sweeney and Togan Personally began a canvass of the entire area surrounding the back street. Casually asking questions, they built up a clear picture of the life of the hardworking Bender and his attractive wife, Julia. The handsome couple were wellknown and liked in the neighbor-

hood. Steve was a congenal man who made friends easily, Julia, a a lecable woman, was an amateur actress who devoted most of her free time to appearing in neighborhood theatricals. Both Steve and his wife were fond of their son, and the small family was apparently always together when Steve was not working.

The picture of the family life of the Benders, as they slowly drew it from the words of friends and neighbors of the couple, served only to confuse the riddle. The cold-blooded murder of Bender seemed completely out of keeping with the pattern of his life.

"You're thinking of all those women," Hogan said with a frown. "That's what bothers me. In the dozens of people we've talked to, there hasn't been a hint of goasip connected with Bender's name. If he was fooling around with all those women, somebody must have

been on to him."

When they seturned to Headquarters, Detectives Duffin and Kennedy were awaiting them. But the frown on the faces of the two investigators told Hogan plainly enough that they had failed to strike pay dirt.

"It's a phony," Duffin said, and tossed the notebook on the homicide cheef's deek. "Half those people listed there just don't exist; the other half are scattered all over town. None of those women will admit ever hearing of Steve Bender until they read this morning's paper."

HOGAN GAVE HIS attention to a study of the address book with its meaningless feminine listings. He was still examining it, a half hour later, when Detective McMauus came in

when Detective McManus came in.
We found the money," McManus
said. He dropped onto the desk a
roll of bills tied with a string.
"Over three hundred dollars," he
added. "Behind the desk in a can."

Fifteen minutes later, in the second floor apartment, the officers faced Mrs. Bender. Her hps quivered as she said: "You've found something, I hope?"

"We have," Hogan assured her.
"Do you want to tell us about it

She stared at them in startled surprise, her dark eyes studying them. Then, running her hand dramatically across her forehead, she dropped limply into a chair. "This is in horribly bad taste," she

"This is in horribly bad taste," she said.
"It is," Hogan agreed calmly. "But I'm afraid you'll have to come along with us."

In the office of Chief of Detectives Joseph Sweeney, half an hour later, she continued to deny any knowledge of the murder of her husband, Steve Bender

Hogan shook his head patiently.
"No one else could have done it,"
he said gently. "We eliminated every
possibility. Only one is left. You
must have hammered Steve to
death. Why?"

"You're mad!" she wept. "Absolutely mad!"
"You were clever," Hogan continued evenly. "Ingeniously clever. Yet, like your acting, there were too many amateurish touches. They

Witnessing officers surround ever-smiling slayer os she writes details of crime.

gave you away."
She stared at him open-mouthed.

"What do you mean?"

"We'll take them one at a time,"
the detective said. "First, your
apartment. It was clean, spotlessly
clean."

"I always keep a clean apartment!" Julia Bender retorted.
"But with your husband lying beaten to death in the bedroom, would you then clean the apart-

would you then clean the apartment?"

"It was clean from the day before," she replied.

Hogan shook his head. "The bedfoom was like a slaughter-house, covered with blood-the bed, the floor, the walls, the ceiling. The killed the state of the bedton of the bed-room, there wasn't a spot of blood anywhere. "It would have been impossible for the slayer to kewe the spartsmudging the doorknobs, or staining smudging the doorknobs, or staining

"He WOULD NOT, as a matter-offact, have dared leave the building in his blood-seneared condition. He would have stopped to wash up in the kitchen or bathroom. But he wouldn't have left the howls snot-

the corridor rug.

ened

He paused, watching the woman.

Her chest rose and fell heavily; a hint of perspiration broke out on her forehead.

"The floor throughout the apartment, particularly in the corridor going by your room, creaks at the slightest footfall. It hardly seems likely that you wouldn't have wak-

"The ironing board, when I leaned against it, was still damp. If you had used it the day before, the cloth pad would have been dry. But you

used it that morning. Why? Was it to press some clothes you had washed? And did you wash them because they were covered with-your

husband's blood?"
"No," she cried. "I didn't do it.
My husband was running around.
He was threatened lots of times. He
had a little redahook."

He was threatened lots of times. He had a little notebook . . "
"Which you prepared in advance and cunningly placed under his pil-

low," Hogan interrupted, "where you were positive we couldn't miss it. It was clever—but amateurish." All resistance crumbled from her features. It was replaced by a look of hatred.

"Yes," she shouted at them, "I killed him. I hated him. I always hated him. When our first ehild died years ago, it was Steve's fault. I knew that someday I would kill him.

"Now he tried to take my second child away from me. He wanted a divorce, he said. He was going to take the child with him, he said. But he didn't-he didn't!" She broke into a fit of hysterical shouting. She was still ranting when a matron came to take her to jail.

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Julia Bender signed a confession the following day.

But she never stood trial for the fiendish crime. Court psychiatrists,

fiendish crime. Court psychiatrists, after examining her, declared she was hopelessly insane and incapable of determining right from wrong. She was committed, on June 9th, 1937, to the Lima Ohio State Hospital for the Criminally Insane. She is still there today, her condition worse than at the time of her commitment.

EDITOR'S NOTE: To protect a person innocently involved in this case, the name Ben Freed is fictitious as used here.

THE END



But these two went in for blackmail, burglary, strange love-making, dancing in the nude

—and worse!



WOMEN make the NEWS!

A cross-country photo roundup of the weaker sex on a crime spree

SHAKEDOWN KID

Newark, New Jersey, detectives recently grabbed a shakedown artist who had extorted \$1,000 from a terrorized victim.

The culprit was captured without gunplay. She was an 11-year-old, fifth

grade school girl and, according to police, had frightened a playmate, aged 10, into handing over a grand which she stole from an aunt. The younger girl said the juvenile extortionist had warned her that if

she "didn't get it up," another (older and larger) miss who carried a "g-r-r-e-a-t big knife" would cut her up into very small pieces. So scared out of her wits the 18-

year-old sneaked the \$1,000 out of its hiding place and paid off. When aunty discovered the wad of money missing, a lot of questions were asked and, although the youngster admitted taking the bundle, she refused to tell what she'd done with

refused to tell what she'd done with it.

She was too scared of that big girl with the big knife.

with the big knife.

Detectives, however, began shadowing various moppets and finally swooped down on one—who was found to be toting \$240 in her little

red purse.

After a while, the suspect came clean, and gave up another \$670 she had hidden in a sneaker at home.

had hidden in a sneaker at home. She'd spent the difference. Families of the two girls made up the loss, and no complaints were

As for perhaps the youngest shakedown artist on record, she said she got the idea because she wanted to buy her mom a Mother's Day gift. She did, too. Spent all of two bucks for it.

DEVIL'S WORKSHOP

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One of the most intriguing alibis since Adam passed the buck to Eve for wolfing the apple, was offered recently in a Glasgow, Scotland, Sheriff's Court on behalf of a young wife charged with shoplifting.

Trouble was, argued her lawyer, she simply dld not have enough to

Entering a plea of guilty to 14 counts of theft from Glasgow and Edinburgh shops for 23-year-old Jean Davidson Reid Fraser, Attorney Frank Quinn explained: "Before her marriage, she worked

on the land, kept constantly busy, and never had a single day off.
"But, after her marriage, when she came to the city and began living in furnished rooms, once she had tidled up her home, she was left with practically nothing to do

"In this case, the devil did indeed find work for idle hands... The judge sentenced Mrs. Praser to three months in jall, where it was expected she'd have even more time hanging on her hands, but would be offered a minimum of opportunity to divert herself in ways not allowed by law.





Accused of kidnapping and attempted murder, Mrs. Lucille Whisenand (L) and Mrs. Beatrice. Winn ore booked at San Diego, Colif. jail. Victim, Mrs. Ruth Latham, 51, a braker's wife, was found beaten and nude an the desert.

UNAVOIDABLE DELAY

In a small North Carolina town, recently a 14-year-old girl waited impatiently one Sunday for a visiting pastor to leave her home.

impatiently one Sunday for a visiting pastor to leave her home. But, it seemed to her, he stayed on and on, interminably. The minister's family was there.

too, and after dinner, everybody went out in the yard and had a fine time taking moving pictures. The 14-year-old girl was asked

The 14-year-old girl was asked to join in. But she refused and remained in the house. Finally, the guests left-after the pastor led the two families in read-

ing Scripture and prayer. Nobody could remember whether the young girl prayed or not.



After a stag sex shaw in Las Angeles, a palice raid nots three partially-draped girls who taok part in performance. (R.)' A vice squad cap who figured in raid leads a blonde stripper from the scene of the crime.



In Chicaga, Mrs. Gladys Bynum walks between two detectives after she was found with a ane-manth-ald baby boy she had snatched away fram its crib.

And she never said. She did say, however, that before she went to church that morning, she loaded a shotgun and hid it. It was about 8 o'clock that night,

when the girl's 40-year-old father, was sitting in the kitchen watching television.

The daughter came to the door with the shotgun, took aim deliber-

ately, and blasted her father into eternity.

Authorities who questioned the girl said she told the story of the shooting calmly and without emo-

But she said she had a good reason for killing her father . . . He nagged her about not doing enough housework.





New York caps held Nelda Bogacki an charges of operating an internationally flavored call-girl rocket between Chicago and New York (R.) A helpful bystander shields Nelda as she is led to a palice van at the local Federal Court House.





By James K. Vann

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Mrs. Florence Maybrick Highland Park, Ill.

"Mrs. Florence Maybrick!" Mrs. Austin gasped "Could it be?!" The name roused her sister, who was reading in the liv.ng room, Mrs. Austin described the woman she had helped that afternoon. There was no doubt about it The famous,

(continued on page 60)

HE was blonde, gorgeous-and very dead. Fierce scratches marred the beauty of her white had torn at the top of her dress. Underneath the girl's right hand was the black rubber grip of an old-fashioned, nickle-plated revolver. Her body lay sprawled on the commiss bus200 in a downtown rooming bus200 in a downtown

rooming house.

Detective Peter Johnson of the Seattle, Washington police stared at the blood stain under the body.

"It was a clean shot, right through the heart," he told his partner, Bob

Turning to Mrs. Rachel Crandon, an attractive widow in her forties and the owner of the rooming house, Johnson said, "OK, tell me the whole story from the beginning Just take it easy and get it straight. "All right," the woman said. "This is Brad Dunbar's room, He operates the garage on the ground floor below. The girl is Sherie Drew, his flancee. She sings in a cabaret called the Pink Piano. Well a little after nine tonight. I met them both in the hall, and Mi Dunbar introduced me to her. He said he was going to get cleaned up, and they were going out somewhere for dinner

"We chatted for a few minutes, then I went down the hall to my room. About 15 minutes later, I heard what sounded like a shot. I ran out into the hall and saw the door to this room was open. I came in . . . and then I called you." "Was this Dunbar guy here?"

"No one was here."
Detective Newman Interrupted the questioning. He had knelt beside the body to get the gun and had spotted a black cat under the bed. He asked the landlady who owned the animal. "That's Mr. Bendermeer's cat,"

Mrs. Cranton said. She, too, knell, stretching out ther hand: "Here Satin-here Satin." The black cat raised its back and moved toward he Ad Mcs. And the said stretch said the said stretch said said stretch said said stretch sa

"Satin here, anyway?" he asked.
"Satin is always underfoot." the
woman answered. "I've asked Mr.
Bendermeer to keep her in his
room, but he always lets her out."
Newman looked at his partner.
"Is Bendermeer home now?" Jobn-

son asked.
"I guess so," the landlady said.
"I didn't see him go out."
Johnson walked to the door.
"Which room is his?" he asked. "I'd like to ask this Mr. Bendermer a couple of questions."
Pounding on the door which the

woman indicated, Johnson received no answer. He tested the knob. It turned, and the door swung inward. As Detective Johnson entered, the black cat bounded in ahead of him

black cat bounded in ahead of him and leaped noto the bed. The smell of alcohol was heavy in the room. Johnson looked at the sleek, black cat which eyed him solemnly from beside the motionless figure of the fully clad man, asleep on the bed. A bottle of whisky, almost empty, stood on the

asleep on the bed. A bottle of whisky, almost empty, stood on the floor next to the bed.

The officer glanced at his wristwatch and frowned. It was barely ten o'clock. Why was a young, good-looking guy like Bendermeer drunk in his room this early on a Saturday

night?
The cop shook the shoulder of the sleeper. "Hey Bendermeer? Snap out of it! Wake up!"
Bendermeer opened his eyes.

blinking dazedly, "W-who're you? How'd you get in here?"
"What do you know about that dead girl across the way?"
"What dead girl across the way?"
"What dead girl?" Now fully awake, Bendermeer face his eyes on the detective's outstretched badge. Abruptly, he sat up. "Dead girl? Hey, what are you trying to hand me, anyway?"

"A girl's been shot, right across the hall," Johnson told him. "Your cat was over there." Bendermeer glanced at his pet. Satin moved toward him, rubbing contentedly against his arm. By Les Williams

Sex Jure of the

Blonde, beautiful, and very dead in the wrong bachelor's apartment! BLONDE

"I don't have no control over where Satin goes," he said, "I don't

keep her locked up." Bendermeer claimed he had not left his room since he had come home with his bottle of whisky at seven o'clock. Insisting he had heard no shot, he nonetheless admitted that he knew Sherie Drew.

"She sings at the Pink Pigno. he said. "She's a vocalist. I go there with Brad Dunbar once in a while for a drink."

He said he was unaware of Sherie's presence in the house and could offer no explanation for the shooting. To his knowledge, Dunbar and Sherie were deeply in love with each other and never quarreled. Bendermeer swore that he owned no firearm, nor could he suggest who owned the nickleplated revolver found by the girl's

Warning Bendermeer not to leave the house. Johnson returned to the scene of the murder. Newman was in conference with Police Chief Douglas James, and County At-torney John Thomas. They had arrived only a few minutes before with Coroner C. B. Webb who was just concluding his preliminary examination of the dead girl.

"It will take an autopsy to determine whether she was sexually assaulted." the coroner announced. "She was shot through the heart. In view of the scratches on the

shoulder and the torn dress, it's not likely suicide." "Could a cat have made those scratches?" Newman asked. The coroner looked at him in

surprise, "Possibly," he said, "I'd have to examine the cat's claws and compare them with the wounds. That's the only way to tell."

Under the supervision of Coroner Webb, the body was removed to the morgue. When he left, the coroner

took Satin with him in a cardboard carton. The murder gun, upon examination, was revealed to be a Smith and Wesson K38, with a broad hammer spur. In the chamber were five large cartridges and one exploded shell. Chief James took possession

of the weapon, carefully wranning it in a handkerchief to preserve possible fingerprints. Just then the door opened and Brad Dunbar strode into the room

He had apparently seen Sherie's body being taken away.
"That ambulance!" he began. "Where's Sherie-what happened! The officers broke the news of his

fiancee's murder to Dunbar. He seemed genuinely shocked. "Where have you been for the last hour?" Chief James asked.
"At the barber's," Dunbar said. "I got a haircut, Sherie and I were supposed to go out-"

The immediate neighborhood was canvassed by the police, with no results. No one recalled either hearing the shot or seeing any suspicious persons loitering near the Crandon

alibi, checked by Johnson at the barber shop, proved to be substan-tially true. This was not conclusive, of course, in view of the fact that Mrs. Crandon was not certain of the exact time she heard the shot.

than a few minutes.

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vances?

the corridor?

about nine-fifteen. She might have

been mistaken by a few minutes in either direction. Granted that the barber vouched for Dunbar, there

was a margin of a few minutes

which could not be definitely ac-

barber-shop, the other investigators

continued questioning Dunbar.

Shown the gun, he denied that he

The officers couldn't uncover a

motive for the slaying. Dunbar

seemed to have no reason to desire

the death of the girl he expected to marry. Nor could he think of

any one else with a motive. Yet

the fact remained that the pretty

singer actually was murdered in his

room-in a house which she was

possibility. Bendermeer, the other

roomer, had admitted to being in

the house at the time of the mur-

der. He admitted, further, that he

knew the lovely night club vocalist.

Was it possible that the girl had

been killed while resisting his ad-

ther up the long hall, bad heard the

fatal shot. Was Bendermeer actual-

ly so drunk that he had failed to

hear the shot in his room just across

a meticulous scientific examination

of the murder room. Fingerprint

technicians carefully dusted for im-

pressions. Those raised were com-

pared with specimen prints of the

occupants of the house. Most of

the prints were identified as Dun-

bar's, Others belonged to Mrs. Cran-

don who cleaned the room daily

There were no impressions which

could be identified as those of Ben-

dermeer, the man across the hall

vestigation, no clue was found to the identity of the killer. Dunbar's

Despite the intensity of the in-

The next two hours were spent in

Mrs. Crandon, in her room far-

There was, of course, one distinct

visiting for the first time.

had ever seen it before.

While Johnson went over to the

There was no doubt that Brad rooming house. Dunbar's hair was freshly cut. A strong odor of hair tonic clung to It was not until Sunday morning that the investigation shifted into him. Dunbar claimed that a little high gear. An exhaustive inquiry after nine he had brought his sweetheart to his room to wait for him while he ran out to the corner barbershop. He insisted he had not been alone with Sherie for more It was an alibi of sorts. Mrs. Crandon had said she heard the shot

was conducted into the dead girl's background. Her parents, relatives, and friends were interrogated in an effort to uncover some clue to the slaver. Friends of Brad Dunbar were also questioned. The deeper the police delved, the more mysterious the murder riddle became. Apparently Brad Dunhar was the only man in Sherie Drew's life No fingerprints could be found on

the murder gun, nor on the highly polished cartridges in the chamber. Nor could ownership of the revolver be traced. An old-fashioned thumb-fanner, the gun was more a relic than a serviceable firearm murder seemed present in the

None of the usual motives for

Sherie Drew case. There was no indication of jealousy, revenge, or monetary gain in the wanton crime. Chief James turned his attention

to Larry Bendermeer. The roomer's alibi was a bottle of whisky. His origins were unknown to Mrs. Crandon who told the police that although he was well provided with funds, he seemed to be

without any particular occupation "I came into a little money, Bendermeer told police. "I follow the horses and make enough to keep going Chief James decided to check Bendermeer's fingerprints against

the criminal files at Seattle Police Headquarters While this was being done, Chief

James decided to find out if there was anything between the dead singer and Larry Bendermeer. Johnson and Newman visited the Pink Pigno night club and questioned friends of Sherie Drew. They agreed that Bendermeer spent a great deal of time there. Always at a front table. But there was no indication that his interest was on

the amorous side. When Newman and Johnson questioned Bendermeer about his interest in Sherie Drew, he told them, "Sure, I liked Sherie. She was a good-looking doll. But she was Brad's girl... so I kept my hands off her Returning to Headquarters, John-son and Newman found Chief

James studying the completed au-

topsy report by Coroner Webb. There was no evidence that an at-

tempt had been made to rape the young woman. A slug from the .38 caliber revolver was listed as the cause of death. The scratches on the beautiful girl's shoulder had not been made by Satin, Larry Bendermeer's black cat. "Examination revealed that the cat's claws have recently been clipped," the report read, "Obvious-

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ly, they could not have inflicted such scratches." James frowned, "That's that." he said. "Nothing new in the report. We've still got a murder with no

Newman picked up the autopsy report and read it through again. a vague uneasiness tugging at his mind. What did it remind him of?

He stood for a moment in deep thought. But the answer did not suggest itself. On Monday, the probe settled down to routine rounds of painstaking investigation. Details of police visited pawnshops and other such places where the murder gun might have been sold. They were

unable to trace the weapon. It was late that night when the Records and Identification Section reported on the request for information on Bendermeer. He had a criminal record, having served time for armed robbery in Walla Walla. He had been released from prison only three month before. This information inaugurated a new phase of the probe. Bender-

meer, in view of his criminal back-

ground, might very likely own a

gun and know how to use it. In

the absence of any other suspects.

the investigation was centered on

the ex-convict.

About two blocks from the Crandon house was a boot-blacking stand operated by one Angelo Montano, When Newman mentioned Bendermeer, the boot-black immediately confirmed that the ex-conviet was a frequent patron at his establishment.

"I gave him a shine last Saturday night," Angelo said. "He's a nice guy. Always good for a quarter "What time was he here, Angelo? 'Oh, about nine o'clock. He was

my last customer. He went out and I closed up my shop." Newman and his partner look-ed at each other. "You're sure of that, Angelo? Dead sure." Positive, Every Saturday night I stay open till nine o'clock." This was the break for which the officers had been waiting, Larry Bendermeer was lying when he said he had arrived home at seven

o'clock. He was only feigning drunkeness when Johnson came into his room on the night of the murder! The two cops immediately went to the rooming house and to Bendermeer's room. Satin watched them from the far end of the hall as they knocked on Bendermeer's door. When Bendermeer let them

Death sat at a reserved table in the smoke-filled Pink Piano night club as Sherie Drew swayed in song!

Was there any way to check Bendermeer's story that he had started his solitary drinking bout in his room at seven o'clock on Saturday night? The almost empty bottle of whisky was no evidence that Bendermeer was actually in a drunken stupor when Detective Johnson visited his room, If it could be proved that he was sober, the fact that he feigned drunkeness would be significant.

"If we can only find out when he bought the liquor." Johnson said. "Or if anybody saw him in the street when he claims he was sleening it off in his room, then we might have something." It was not until Tuesday morning that this search yielded any

results.

in, Satin brushed past the officers' legs and settled herself gracefully on the bed. The ex-convict eyed his two visi-

tors sullenly. "Looks like bad news." he commented, "For me," Newman nodded. "When a guy lies to the cops, it's always bad news." he said. "We know a couple of things about you we didn't know the other day. "Like what?"

"Like you've got a B-number," Johnson said. "Like you didn't get home until nine o'clock on Saturday night-just about the time the Drew girl stopped a lead slug across the hall Bendermeer looked from one of "Like you weren't drunk when

the officers to the other.

I came in here to look you over." Johnson continued. Bendermeer sighed. "Okay," he said. "I'll tell you how it was. You're wrong about me not bein' drunk. When I heard that shot across the way, I got drunk fast. Shots mean cops, and a guy with a record is a setup to take the rap if he's anywhere around." "That's all you've got to say?"

Newman asked him. The ex-convict nodded, "All right. I'll say it," he began, "You won't believe me anyway." He told them that he heard the shot and then the sound of running feet along the corridor. Advancing cautiously to his door, he opened it and peered through the crack. Across the way he could see the sprawled body of the dead girl. "That was all I needed to see," he concluded. "I shut the door fast and went to work on the pint. I figured maybe I could pass myself off as being drunk when the shot was fired."

"Your cat was over there in that room. How can you prove that she didn't follow you over?" Bendermeer shrugged, "Can't prove nothing," he said. "Satin's a smart cat, but she can't talk." Newman put forward a hand to stroke the animal. Satin lashed out and struck his hand with a paw. The officer jerked back his hand and looked for the tell-tale scratch marks. There were none.

Something clicked in his mind. Blunt claws! He remembered Coroner Webb's autopsy report. Newman turned slowly to Bendermeer. "Don't sell your cat short, Buddy. Satin's got her own way of talking Maybe you've got an alibi after all After a hurried conference, two cops strode down the hall to Mrs. Rachel Crandon's apartment. "How's your hand, Mrs. Crandon? You know-where the cat scratched

" Newman said "Coming along fine," she said. "It's a curious thing about that scratch," Newman went on. "When did it happen?"

The woman looked at him in surprise. "Why-you were there when it happened," she said. "You saw Satin scratch me. Newman shook his head. "All I saw was the scratch on your hand. But I didn't see Satin scratch you. Nobody could see that."

Mrs. Crandon's face went white. "What do you mean?" she said. "That cat was examined by the coroner right afterwards, Crandon, Her claws were clipped She couldn't have scratched you!" For a moment the officer was silent while his words took their effect upon the flustered woman. "You're smart, Mrs. Crandon,"



That's what confronted this bucky male! "He forgot that he was a porter end hed only one eye... He availed himself of those rights which his calling gave him to act like a brute. Brutal he was accordingly - and happy!" . . . Thus begins a gay evening session of THE PLEA-SURE PRIMER. Thousands are now enjaying Rollicking Bedside Fun, and you will too, when you possess this ideal bed-side companion. Here's entertainment for open minds end ticklish spines. Here's lusty, merry recreation for unsquesmish men and women. Here's life with apologies to none. Collected, selectwith appropries to none. Collected, selection of from the best there is, this sestful Primer is en eye-opener...YOU ARE INVITED TO EXAMINE THE PLEASURE PRIMER 10 DAYS AT OUR EXPENSE. IT IS GUARAN-TEED TO PLEASE OR YOUR PURCHASE PRICE WILL BE RE-FUNDED AT ONCE



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he continued. "Sherie Drew scratched your hand just before you shot her. You had to cover up. I've got to admit you thought fast

The woman made no attempt to speak. Nor did she interfere with Detective Johnson as he began to search her room. He was looking for .38 cartridges to fit the murder gun. He didn't find them. Instead, he came upon a batch of letters written to the widow Crandon by Brad Dunbar. These letters revealed that the landlady and her roomer had been carrying on an illicit affair, which was disrupted when the garage owner became engaged to Sherie Drew!

The attractive widow was furious at Bart Dunbar because he had given her the brush-off. "You men are all alike," she had written, "You take what you want from a woman. then throw her over for another. Well, you're not doing that to me. Your precious Sherie isn't taking my place. I'll tell her about us . . I'll see her dead . . . I could have killed her the other night. I went to the club and I watched her singing. And I saw you there, making a fool of yourself Apparently Brad Dunbar hadn't taken Mrs. Crandon's threats seri-

ously-for he brought Sherie Drew to the house and brazenly intro-duced her to his former love. Trying to piece together what had happened, police decided that

after Dunbar went to the barber's, Mrs. Crandon got a gun, confronted Sherie in Brad's room, and ordered the singer to give Brad up. Sherie wouldn't and that decision led to a fight and her death. Although Rachel Crandon denied

the whole story, she was later positively identified by the clerk of a hardware store in a nearby town as the woman to whom he had sold six .38 caliber bullets. Rachel Crandon was brought to trial on December 5th, 1938. She was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

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My Knife Cuts Deep! (continued from page 27)

until a quarter to seven. I stopped at a bar for a few beers and then I walked home. The house was dark and quiet when I got here, which worried me. I went through the rooms calling my wife's name but there was no answer. Then I went down to the cellar and found her

lying there." "Did she expect any visitors dur-

ing the day?"
"Not that I know of." "How did you get in; did you use your key?"

"No. Sadie left the back door open for me every night." "Anybody else know about this arrangement?" "No. Just my son, Fred, and my-

self. She left the door unlocked to save herself unnecessary footsteps in letting my son or me into the house.

Probing slowly, Orecchio learned quite a bit about the Schultzes. He discovered that their construction business paid off bandsomely. Gus Schultze had come from Germany in 1927 with his wife and, after living for a while in Newark, they had moved to their present address on Adolphus Avenue, in Cliffside Park, New Jersey, The Schultzes had been married for 32 years. Fred. 25, was their only child. "Any idea who might want to kill your wife?" Orecchio asked Schultze.

"There's no one, I assure you," Schultze said. "My wife rarely went anywhere. She was always satisfied with puttering around the house. She had no time for gossipy neighbors or friends." "Have you any valuables in the

house? She might have been murdered for money Schultze rose dejectedly, "There's some money in our room. About

\$250. I'll go up and see if it's there." He returned in a few moments. "It's still there," he said. "Nothing's been touched." Orecchio frowned, A thug, bent on robbery, wouldn't have overlooked such a sum of money. Somehow,

though, he could not connect robbery with the blood splattered body of Mrs. Schultze. Burglars, he reasoned, might kill if cornered but not so viciously. "Have you any enemies, Mr. Schultze?" he inquired. "Someone

who might want to get even with you through your wife? "Definitely not," Schultze an-Orecchio thanked him and re-

turned to the basement. There he found laboratory technicians trying to salvage clues. Dr. Gilady drew him to one side.

"I know now what made those bruises on Mrs. Schultze's body, he said. "They were made by a

woman's high heel," The detective's eyes widened with surprise. "Are you sure, Doc?" Dr. Gilady nodded, "I'm positive! I treated a man only last week whose wife had beaten him up. His face had the same type of marks.

He said she had knocked him down and then stomped him. "That means that a woman killed her," Orecchio said. "No wonder money wasn't stolen. The motive was deeper."

JOHN SELSER, Assistant Prosecutor of Bergen County, arrived just then and Orecchio briefed him. "The way I see it." Orecchio said.

"Mrs. Schultze was sitting at the preserve closet here in the basement when the killer walked in the back door." He pointed to a jar of beets which lay smashed on the concrete floor. Alongside it was an overturned stool.

"It's entirely probable that the killer was friendly with Mrs. Schultze, They talked a while, Then, someone must have said something which caused a flare-up. It's my guess that the argument started over something involving Schultze."

"How come?" "I'm not certain but I've a feeling that Schultze knows more than he's letting on."

"You don't think a hobo could have done it?" Selser asked. "Not a chance! A hobo would've been satisfied with just knocking her out. No, whoever committed this murder hated Mrs. Schultze in-

tensely. The viciousness of the crime clearly indicates it. A call from Byrnes brought Orecchio out-of-doors. He found Byrnes focusing a flashlight on the

snow-caked ground, "I found these prints leading from the house, chief," he said. Orecchio examined the ground The tiny, peg-like indentations told him that a woman's spike heel had made the clearly defined impres-

"Dr. Gilady was right," he muttered. "A woman murdered her, all

right . A search of the Schultze cutlery revealed that a bread knife, usually kept in a pantry drawer, was missing. Orecchio assigned detectives and uniformed men to make a thorough check of the neighborhood to

find the weapon A technician reported finding a pair of silver-rimmed glasses under the body. Since Mrs. Schultze had not worn glasses, they had obviously been dropped by the killer during the struggle. Also found clutched in the dead woman's hand was a tuft of soft blonde hair. "At least we know she's a blonde," Orecchio said. "Did you find anything else?"

The technician nodded and handed Orecchio a slightly curved, oblong-shaped object. It was painted a bright cherry red

"A woman's false fingernail," Orecchio said. "Well, we've certainly uncovered enough proof that a wo-

man did it." "Maybe they're red herrings, chief." Byrnes said. "to throw us

Orecchio shook his head. "I don't think so. The heel marks on the dead woman's face, the hair clutched in her fist and now this broken off, false fingernail indicate a passionate, life-and-death struggle. I don't think there's any doubt that a woman did it."

Plainclothesmen, returning from their canvass of the neighboring houses, brought important news to Orecchio.

One woman, who lived directly across the street from the Schultze home, testified that she had seen a well-dressed woman in her early 30's walk past the house several times before going around to the

"Did she see her come out?" Orecchio inquired "No, but she gave me a good description," the detective said. "The woman was wearing a caracul fur coat with a hat to match, patent leather bag and black, high-heeled shoes. She was saflow-complexion-

ed and she seemed to be extremely nervous. Another man, living near the corner of Adolphus Avenue and George Road, came forward to say that he

saw a snappily dressed woman loitering around the Schultze home shortly after five o'clock that eve-"She was blonde, in her 20's, and wore an expensive looking fur

jacket. She rang the doorbell and Mrs. Schultze let her in." "Did you see her leave?" Orecchio asked the man, who was cooperative and spoke freely to the police.

"No, but I noticed that she had a snappy blue convertible parked at the curb. A Pontiac, I think it was." "You didn't happen to notice the

license number? "Yes. It was a New Jersey license and the first three numbers were "346." I don't remember the rest of it" Orecchio instructed Byrnes to

contact the State Vehicle Bureau in Trenton by phone for the name and address of the Pontiac's owner. "The chances are that she lives either in Hackensack or Cliffside Park," Orecchio said, "So tracing a Pontiac convertible with those three numbers shouldn't be diffi-



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In 10 minutes, the identity of the blonde woman was known and given to Orecchio. Her name was Gloria Fullis and she lived on High Street, in Cliffside Park.

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Orecchio and Byrnes sped to High Street and made their way to ber

A stunning blonde opened the

"Yes?" she inquired. "We're the police," Orecchio said, flashing his badge.

She smiled and invited the officers to enter a nicely furnished living room. The woman was young, beautiful. He saw that she was dressed for the street. "Going out?" he inquired.

"Any objections?" she asked.
"That depends," Orecchio said, "on how well you know Gus Schultze."

The blonde's eyes narrowed. "I don't know him at all," she said. "You were seen entering the Schultze home late this afternoon. You parked a Pontiac convertible outside. What was the purpose of your visit to the Schultze house?" Her eyes remained coldly expressionless. "I was there because Mrs. Schultze wanted me there," she

said. "Come to the point. What do you want?" "Okay. Mrs. Schultze was murdered in the cellar at her home around the time you were seen entering it. What do you know about it?"

Gloria Fullis' distress seemed genuine. "That's awful!" she exclaimed. "I was there, yes. But only to renew some insurance she carries on the car and on the house. I stayed there about 15 minutes-just long enough to have a chat with

Orecchio removed the fingernail from his pocket. "Ever see this before?" he asked.

She examined it and shook her head. "I don't use them," she said. "See?" She extended her long, tapering fingers. The red-lacquered nails were her own

The blonde stated that she had seen no one loitering around the Schultze home during her visit nor had the victim appeared upset. "In fact, she was in splendid spirits," went on Miss Fullis, "She offered to make me a cup of coffee but

I refused because I had other stops to make and I had to hurry." "Did she say anything about expecting a visitor?" Byrnes cut in. "No, she didn't." Miss Fullis was thanked for her

operation and the detectives left. Driving back to the Schultze home, Byrnes asked, "Do you think she knows anything, Chief?"
"I'm not sure," Orecchio replied. "On the surface I'd say no, but a blonde murdered Mrs. Schultze and she's a blonde. I think I'll have another talk with Schultze. I'm con-

vinced that he's holding out on us." At the house, Orecchio drew the wealthy contractor to one side, Quickly he told him of the various women seen loitering about the Schultze home late that afternoon and evening.

Schultze shrugged. "I have no idea who she might be, believe me," he said nervously. "I attended to business all day and my wife stayed home, minding hers. What opportunity did we have to make anyone

"Okay, Schultze, if that's the way you want it. But remember, if you're hiding something, we'll find

it-no matter what." Schultze paled but said nothing. Fred, Jr., was also questioned but the young man could shed no light

on his mother's murder. Orecchio found Selser waiting for him in the kitchen. He had some exciting news. "Chief, a woman who lives down the street a way, says she saw some dame grab a Jersey City bus at the corner of Adolphus Avenue and Gorge Road at about 5:15 tonight."

Could she give a description?" "Yep, and it tallies with the one we have on that woman who was seen walking up and down in front of the Schultze home-the one with the caracul coat."

ORECCHIO TURNEO TO BYRNES. "MILT. contact the Public Service starter in Jersey City and ask him for the driver whose bus stopped at that corner around 5:15 tonight. Judging from the blood spilled in that cellar, I'd say she must've gotten some of it on her clothes. If she did, the driver might have noticed it. Byrnes nodded and left,

Selser explained that he made a thorough examination of the doors and windows and failed to find where one of them had been forced "That settles it," Orecchio said. "Whoever murdered Mrs. Schultze walked in that back door and went out the same way

The lab detail, completing their work, stated that no fingerprints other than those of the Schultze family had been found, Also, the footprints in the snow were found to measure seven inches from heel to toe, an indication that the woman who had made them was slightly built and wore a size four-and-ahalf or five shoe.

'It tallies with the description of the dame in the caracul coat, all right," Orecchio nodded.

Meanwhile, detectives continued to search the neighborhood in an effort to locate the murder weapon. Any place large enough to conceal the bread knife was closely exam-

ined but without results. An inspection of the dead wo-

man's effects failed to vield any clue to her slaver's identity. Neither did her husband's belongings. About midnight, Byrnes located the bus driver and went out to have

a talk with him. During the next hour, the police ran down several anonymously phoned tips to unsuccessful conclu-



Killer awaits questioning by police.

Meanwhile, a canvass of Cliffside Park and Hackensack tayerns was undertaken in the hope of finding some information about Schultze. Bartenders, although rejuctant to talk at first, admitted that Schultze spent a lot of time at their places in the company of a hard-faced blonde in her early 30's. She was described as being of medium height

and a good dresser. "She was in here about a week ago with him," said the barkeen at Tony's Place, a popular rendezyous on the outskirts of Jersey City. "She was hopped up over something and she was really laying it on the

old guy." "Could you tell what they were arguing about?" asked the detective. guy was plenty seared."

Sporadic reports from the residents along Adolphus Avenue confirmed the stories the police had gathered about the strange activities of the murdered woman's husband. Schultze was frequently seen putting his car away in the early hours of the morning. He was always alone on these occasions.

"Things are beginning to shape Orecchio said, "I had a hunch all along that Schultze was holding out and now I'm convinced of it. At one o'clock, the telephone on Orecchio's desk rang. It was Byrnes,

"I've located that blonde with the caracul coat. Chief." he said. "Meet me at the corner of Stagg and Union."

Orecchio and Selser made the trip quickly. They found Byrnes waiting for them. "The guy who runs this saloon knows her well," he informed them quietly. "Let's go inside." A plump, red-faced man eyed them sullenly when they approach-

ed. "Okay, barkeep," Byrnes said, Tell the chief who she is. "She's Mrs. Martha Beer," the

bartender replied. "Did she ever come in here with a heavy-set, black moustached man in his late 50's?" Orecchio asked. "Yeah, You must mean Gus. They

come in here often." "Where does she live?" "Third floor rear, No. 29 Stagg

Street. The officers found the house to be a typical walk-up tenement. A letter box showed that Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beer lived in apartment 3-F. The three officers climbed the wooden stairs and stopped

"They're still up," Byrnes said. Orecchio nodded. "Let's go," aid, knocking on the door The sound of approaching footsteps was followed by the door's opening. A pleasant faced man peered out at them. "Yes?" he in-

the transom.

Orecchio flashed his badge and brushed past him into a neatly furnished parlor. It was empty. He strode to an open door leading into a bedroom. Standing in the center of the room was a square-jawed blonde

HANDS ON MER MIPS, she faced them aggressively, "What do you want?" she snapped, her eyes flashing angrily.

"We're the police," Orecchio said. "You're under arrest for the murder of Mrs. Sadie Schultze. Mrs. Beer smiled mirthlessly. "And you're nuts," she scoffed Orecchio grinned. "Am 1?" he said softly. "Then how come your

dress, your stockings and your shoes are caked with blood?" Mrs. Beer suddenly wheeled around and headed for the fire escape outside the bedroom window. But Byrnes was too fast for her. He

caught her near the window. She struggled like a wildcat - biting. gouging and kicking the detective with her sharp-pointed heels, Aided by Orecchio however, Byrnes quickly handcuffed her Beer accompanied the officers to

Hackensack for the questioning He said his wife had been seeing Schultze with his approval. Because his job as a baker forced him



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to work nights, he thought the idea of her seeing Schultze was a good one. They had met Schultze several years previously at a German

saengerbund, a singing party. Convinced that Beer had no part in the murder. Orecchio released

Mrs. Beer, confronted by the irrefutable evidence of her bloodstained coat, dress and high-heeled pumps, broke down and confessed. Yes, I killed her," she said stolidly. "Gus was losing interest and I was worried. I decided to pay Mrs. Schultze a visit and have it out with her once and for all. When I got there. I knew I would find the back door unlocked. She was in the cellar so I went down there She just looked at me and said nothing. "I showed her the ring her husband gave me but she only laughed and said I was 'any man's woman. That made me mad. I lunged at her but she fought back, hard. During the scuffle she grabbed the knife but I managed to twist her wrist until she dropped it. Then I got hold of it before she could. We wrestled around until I stuck the knife into her. Then she rolled to the floor, groaning. By this time I was crazy mad. I fell on her and I kept plunging the knife into her body. When she finally stopped fighting me, I stood up. I looked at her lying at my feet, with hate in my heart. I wanted to keep hurting her, so 1 started stomping her with my foot and twisting my heel into her. Finally I got tired and I left, I took the knife with me. It wasn't until later that I remembered losing my

glasses in the struggle. I stopped at several taverns on the way before coming home." "What did you do with the knife?"

Selser asked.

Mrs. Beer shrussed, "I don't know. I threw it away some place." When questioned later, Schultze admitted having had clandestine meetings with Mrs. Beer in various New Jersey night spots. He said she had been continually after him to divorce his wife and marry her, after she had in turn, divorced her husband. This he had steadfastly refused to do. Because of this she had frequently threatened him, he said.

Jersey justice moved swiftly. By noon the next day, Mrs. Beer was arraigned before Common Pleas Judge A. Demarest Del Mar and charged with first degree murder. An hour later, she was indicted by a Bergen County grand jury on

the same charge. Two days before her trial on March 18th, 1948, she pleaded no contest and threw herself on the mercy of the court. Judge Herman Vanderwart then sentenced her to an indeterminate term in the State Prison for Women at Clinton. She was transferred to the Trenton State Hospital for the Insane on April 22nd, 1946, On October 21st, 1947 she died in the hospital.

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ped inside. The blood stains on the stocking matched the blood type of

Mrs. Parker. From the very beginning police had suspected that one or both of the girls had murdered Mrs. Parker. Now they began their questioning in earnest. Then they stumbled over the diary of Pauline Parker, and the case was-solved. Pauline's diary held a fabulous story.

Mrs. Parker had been murdered because she had tried to break up the intense friendship which existed between the two girls. Pauline and Juliet spent most of their time together and had developed an unnatural physical and mental at-traction for one another.

Also, they wanted to run away to America. They had written some novels and operas and felt sure they could get them published in the United States.

Their plans for a trip to America were dashed, however, when Juliet's father decided to take her to South Africa. Pauline wanted to go along with Juliet, but both girls knew that Pauline's mother would object. So they decided to get rid of her. The following entries from Pauline's diary show how they planned to do this:

April 28th: Anger against Mother is boiling inside me, as she is the main obstacle in mu path. Suddenly a means of ridding myself of the obstacle occurs to me. If she was to die ...

April 30th: Why couldn't Mother die? Thousands are dying daily, so why not Mother?

June 10th: We are both very thrilled with the idea, Naturally we feel a trifle nervous, but the pleasure of anticipation is very great.

June 21st: We have decided to use a rock in a stocking rather than a sand bag. We discussed the moider fully. The happy event is to take place tomorrow afternoon. The next time I write in my diary, Mother will be dead. How odd, yet how pleasant.

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A. K. Haslam, who said there was
no doubt that the girls committed
the crime, but contended that they
were mentally ill and not responsible for their actions.

Crown Prosecutor A. W. Brown took a different point of view. He said the girls were not incurably insane but incurably bad. He called the slaying "coldly, callously premeditated murder committed by two dirty-minded little girls who were sane at the time."

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Brown described Pauline's diary as "a mirror of evil" and said it wild orgies which left them extended that the girls indulged in wild orgies which left them extend the transmission of the control of the co

on bicycles and wandered around together "getting ecstatic." Then Pauline wrote: "What had been a friendship became a bond." The diary went on to tell of their association. Pauline went to stay at the Hulmes' beautiful home. At night the girls would dance naked on the lawns beside a "Temple of a "Temple

minerva" which they built on the grounds.

They gave the names of film stars to imaginary characters in books they had written. Once they used Mario Lanza, Orson Welles, and five others. The girls personified what they imagined were the

used Mary lad written. Orson Welles, and five others. The girls personified what they imagined were the characteristics of the starx Lanza, they said, was "museley," Welles was "roly-poly." Others were willowy or slender. Pauline wrote-

We enacted how each character would make love, only choosing the first seven as it was 7:30 a.m. By then we felt exhausted.

Once they drew up a list of the Ten Commandments and set out to break them. Pauline recorded that she broke the lot, but Juliet only broke nine. One woman in the packed public

gallery fainted after hearing a diary entry which ended: 'Nothing is now too disgusting or revolting for us.' Dr. Francis Bennett, for the despent as much time as possible together, discussing their imaginary gods and their books. They photographed each other in fancy and party diesses and in the nude.

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Heaven everyone they had known on earth. "Even Pauline's mother?" Dr.

Bennett asked.
"Yes," she replied.
"With blood on her face?"
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"Well," Juliet replied. "She would not arrive in that state. In any case she would be in Paradise. Even if we meet we will not worry. There is nothing in death."

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Dr. Bennett told the court that he then asked Juliet, "Have you any regret." She replied: "None whatever. Of course, I do not warp from the property of the property o

We rose about 10 and had some raspherries and cream and felt sick, after which we sat in the ear and discussed who we should leave alive if we wiped out the rest of the world. We wrote out a list and had a wonderful time.

We worked out how much prostitutes should earn and how much we should make. We spent a really wonderful day messing around and talking over how much fun we will have in our professio.

Fauline and Juliet took little notice of the testimony. Only once did they show any emotion. That was when Brown read a passage from Fauline's diary telling how after night to visit a boy friend in his boarding house and gave frank details of their love-making. When this was read aloud, Juliet's face became assage. She leaned forward.

Not once during the trial did the girls show any signs of remorse. Instead, they exchanged smiles and whispers. Juliet sat with her fingers in her ears as Brown made his closing statement.

An all-male jury deliberated for

two hours and 20 minutes, then handed down a verdict of guilty. The girls stared woodenly at the floor. As they are under 18, their crime

is not punishable by death under New Zealand laws. They were given "indefinite prison terms" and ordered "detained at Her Majesty's pleasure."

A blanket sentence such as this is often used in British courts in zases involung adolescents where

there is a chance conditions may change and a review be warranted. After the verdict was read, the girls were led from the dock to heir prison cells. They looked solemn and dejected. BE AN INVESTIGATOR

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Dr. Batsche slowly packed his instruments and thoughtfully left the house, a puzzled look on his face. Early the next morning Mrs. Perry appeared at his office, dryeved and looking determined, and demanded. "Exactly what did Father die of?"

The doctor spread his hands palms down on the desk, stared absently at the big-boned knuckles. Then he looked up at Mrs. Perry. "I wish I knew," he said simply.

Mrs. Perry continued. "Until that attack two weeks ago, Father had never been sick a day in his life. That's why I'm so puzzled. Do you think it could be something he ate

or drank?" "It's hard to tell." Dr. Batsche said. "Without an autopsy." Mrs. Perry looked startled, "Do you think we should have one? Do

you suspect someone?"
"It's not that," the doctor said. "It's just that I think we'd all feel better if we knew definitely what caused his death." He went on to explain that they would require Mrs. Dean's consent, and since this was a private matter the family

would have to pay for it. At first Dovie Blanche refused. It seems like such a godless, coldblooded thing to do to a poor, powerless old man," she canted. She was silent a moment and then added, "But if you think it's the thing to do, doctor, I give my con-

sent As a matter of courtesy, Dr. Batsche notified Clermont County Sheriff Clyde Dericks, and Saturday morning Hawkins Dean's body was removed to the same hospital in Cincinnati which a few weeks before had saved his life. Cincinnati is in Hamilton County, with facilities much more extensive than in Clermont, and Dr. Frank Cleveland Acting Coroner, had agreed to cooperate with Dr. Batsche in conducting the examination Meanwhile, arrangements were made to bury the body in the Owensville cemetery on Monday.

Sunday the body was released for burial, though the autopsy findings were inconclusive. . . . "Severe. unaccountable congestion in the digestive tract," the report read in part. The viscera were removed from the body for further examinas

News of the autopsy had spread over Clermont County like wildfire. Hawkins Dean had spent his life there, was known and loved and respected, and on Monday afternoon the church and cemetery were filled to overflowing-not only with the farmer's many friends, but with the sordid and the frankly curious, the sensation-hunters and the gossip mongers. At that moment, Sheriff Dericks was seated at his desk in his office in the county seat at Batavia, reading the laboratory report. Hawkins Dean's body, the report stated, contained enough arsenic to have killed several men. It had been slowly absorbed into his system over a period of time, the report continued, leaving to the sher-

iff the inescapable conclusion that

it had been fed to him deliberately

-that the old farmer had been mur-The sheriff summoned District Attorney Ray Bradford and his deputies, Charles McNutt and Sam Skinner, and conferred with them. "But who would do a thing like that?" Skinner wanted to know. "I've been acquainted with Hawkins Dean all my life, and a more likeable old codger never lived.

"But was he well fixed finan-cially?" Bradford asked. "Well, comfortable," Skinner an-swered. "Certainly nobody would get rich murdering him. He was slow, easygoing, liked a few beers . . . not a heavy drinker. In short, I can't think of a less likely fellow to pick a quarrel with."

How about Dovie Blanche and all her children?" Bradford asked. "Did he get along with them?" "That's just what I was wondering," Dericks chimed in. "I understand that one or another of the

kids and their families was always visiting them. Then there's John Woolton, Jr., her favorite child. He's been living with them ever since the wedding, helping old Hawkins around the farm."

"I think you ought to get out there quick," Bradford interrupted. "See if you can find any arsenic be-fore it's disposed of." There was none that Dericks or

his deputies could find, though they confiscated several cans of common insecticide and sent them to the laboratory for analysis. John Woolton, Jr., seemed almost as broken up about the death of his stepfather as was his mother. He vehemently denied that any ill feeling had existed in the family, and there was no mistaking his genuine surprise when the sheriff informed him that Hawkkins Dean had been deliberately poisoned.

He answered frankly that two of his relatives and their husbands had been visiting the Deans shortly before his stepfather was stricken, and that one of these relatives. Mrs. Joseph Kelso, and her husband, and a third married cousin from Missouri, had also been visiting them the first time that Hawkins was stricken



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In addition, then, to John Woolton Jr. and his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Kelso had also been around both times the farmer had fallen lil. But the Kelsos lived in Hamilton, Ohio, and Kelso worked as an auto mechanic in Batavia, very close to the Dean farm. When he worked liste, and the stayed overnight with the Deans, John Woolton, Jr. said.

"Just one more question," Dericks added. "Did you ever see anyone alip anything into Mr. Dean's food or drink?" "Certainly not," Woolton answered heatedly, with a vehemence which the sheriff thought was born

which the sheriff thought was born of sincerity. But as Dericks prepared to investigate each individual member of the family, he received a phone call

which diverted all his energies and suspicions in one direction. The call was anonymous, the voice too muffled and indistinct to be identified even as to sex. "Check on Joe Kelso," the voice advised. "Look in the glove com-

partment of his car-you'll find a bottle there. Check on it."
"Who's this?" Dericks asked sharply. But the voice hung up with a click. Dericks and the two deputies drove out to the garage where Kelso worked, and found his car

parked outside.

In the glove compartment was a
6-ounce bottle of pale, ambercolored liquid. The label carried a
skull and crossbones, and read,
"For external use only. Dangerous
if taken internally."

Kelso saw them, came charging out of the garage roaring, "What are you doing in my car?" Dericks calmly held up the bottle and asked. "This contain any ar-

That made Kelso madder than ever, but the sheriff cooled him off by relating the anonymous call. He warned him, "You're on a spot."
"Someone's trying to frame me," the mechanic bellowed. Then, he

calmed sufficiently to explain that the liquid was medicine for a skin irritation from which he suffered. He claimed not to know its contents. But they told Dericks at the drug store where Kelso had purchased it that the mechanic had been buying it for over six months, and that it contained arsenate of lead. Dericks rathed it to the laboratory for

The results, from the sheriff's hopeful view of making progress with the case, were disheartening. The lab declared that it would have been impossible to feed Dean enough areante of lead of the percentage concentrated in the bottle to poison him. The tremendous



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amount found in his body was almost pure and undiluted. Dericks had little doubt that whoever had tipped him to the bottle in Kelso's glove compartment did so to mislead him.

Lead him from whose trail? That was the \$64,000 question. Neither Hawkins Dean's many friends, nor anybody else who had known the amuable farmer doubted that there could be but one motive for the old fellow's murder. Nobody, not even his killer, could have hated Hawkins. But a callous killer might coldly murder him for his money. The sheriff returned hastily to the County Courthouse in Batavia, believing the answer to be found in the very building where his own office was located. He looked up the old fellow's probated will, his marriage license to Dovie Blanche

Dean, and her divorce papers. Dovie Blanche's divorce decree had become final on the preceding April 11th The next day Hawkins Dean had drawn up his will, naming his fiancee as his heir. His property included his 68-acre farm, his house valued at more than \$10,000, and an adjacent 25-acre plot of woodland inherited a few months before from his deceased neighbor and previous fiancee, Mrs. Ella Favret. At Dovie Blanche's death, this property was to revert to his daughter. Mrs. Perry, and at her death to his only grandchild, Earl Hawkins Perry. The sheriff couldn't help wondering whether Hawkins Dean had been but the first of a long list of people scheduled to die violently. He must hurry before the killer dispatched the next.

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The day after Dean made his will,
two days after Dovie Blanche's divorce, he had married her in the
presence of their six children.
There was nothing further on the
official record till Dean's death-the
day after which Dovie Blanche had
filed his will for probate. She had

wasted no time.

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Yet it was by plugging, by refusing to give up, by going again and again over the same ground that he hit upon a vital discrepancy in his previous information which threatened to blow the case sky-high. Talking with Joe Kelso, who still boiled over the attempt to frame him, and who harbored his own ideas about who was responsible, the garage mechanic mentioned quite inadvertently that Dean had first been taken ill with his fatal attack on Wednesday afternoon. The sheriff immediately phoned Dr. Batsche, and rechecked the physician's previous statement.

"Yes," Batsche confirmed, "Mrs. Perry did not call me or inform me of Mr. Dean's illness till late Thursday night."

Dericks immediately phoned Dean's daughter, who protested, "But that's when I first went to the house and found Papa il. I thought that he had just been taken sick." The house had found the her stepfather had first become ill Wednesday. She and Joe had left the house shortly afterward, she said, and had not beard anything further

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The sheriff glanced at them all appraisingly. It think there's only one thing to 0. Dovie, you and John and Joe Kelso should all take a lie detector test. We'll find out who's guilty."

"It's okay with me," Dovie answered casually, but John, Jr.

subject and suning her heed.

It wasn't okuy, As a result of the test Joe Kelso was dismissed from all further suspicion, but with each question regarding the manner of Blanche and her son had reacted with an emotional charge which sent the needle fluttering violently across the scroll of the instrument.

One other thing had become evi-

dent. Throughout the questioning Dove had insisted that she and Dean were happily married, yet her reactions to the lie detector indicated they were not. Mother and son were held as material witnesses, and lodged in the county lail at Betsty are further questiontheir dennals of guilt. Those the superties of the supersioning had returned to the supersioning had re-

sulted in the same answers and same reactions it had had an effect, for that night after Sheriff Dericks' wife, acting as jail matron, had served Dovie Blanche her supper, she asked to see the sheriff and the district attorney.

"I want to make a statement," she said. "I'm going to name the murderer."

Bradford and Dericks glanced at each other, wondering what was coming next. "Well, who is it?" the district

attorney asked impatiently.
Dovie Blanche removed her
glasses, slowly wiped a tear from
one eye. "This hurts me more than
I can tell you," she said. "But it's
my own son."

my own son."

The officers exchanged glances, shocked. In all their years in the law, they had never heard a mother

accuise her own son of murder. When she had finished they returned her to her cell and questioned her son, John Woolton, Jr. He hotty densed his mother's accunitional her son, John Woolton, Jr. He hotty densed his mother's accunutate, but with true filial loyalty he refused to accuse her, or even to condemn her. The officials were becoming convinced of his innotured to the son of the control of the son of the cell and son to Dovie again.

Dericks and Bradford sat staring at her, giving her the silent treatment for a full five minutes of wordless accusation. Dovie fidgeted under their glare, nervously wringing her hands. Finally she could stand it no longer, and blurted out, "What are you looking at me like that for? I

didn't do anything."
"Oh, no?" Bradford said. Then shot at her, "You just committed as despicable a sin as when you murdered Hawkins Dean. You accused your own son of a murder of which you alone are guilty. May God have mercy on your soul."

Dovie turned chalk white, screamed, "Oh, my God-what have I done?" and fell on her knees to the floor. She screamed, moaned, and babbled a hysterical mumbo-jumbo of prayers and a confession to Hawkins Dean's murder. With the all the Mrs. Dericks they finally got all the most properties of the screen of the

She admitted patting rat poison in her husbands milk over a period of weeks till he fell fatally ill. She said, 'I gave him two dosso of Zip in his milk on August 7th and the putal. When he got home, on the 15th, I gave him some more—but nothing happened. On the 19th I put it in his milk twice, and again once median he got down, we do the said to the said which was a said to the said the said that the sai

But even now she claimed justification, although nobody believed her. She said, "It was a case of me getting him before he got me." "Just how do you mean that?"

She stated that Hawkins Dean had been her mate in name only, and was incapable of fulfilling all the husbandly responsibilities. She said that this got him down so that he brooded and drank a lot, and he had threatened to kill her and commit suicide.

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Whether or not there was any truth in this, there was no question in the minds of the law officials that Dovie Blanche's real motive for the murder had been Hawkins Dean's property; a fact she reluctantly admitted under further questioning. With ber full confession, her son was absolved of all guilt and released from custody. A special session of the Grand

Jury was called on September 15th. and after hearing the evidence, indicted Dovie Blanche Dean for firstdegree murder. She was tried in April, 1953, and found guilty and sentenced to die in the electric chair. All appeals by her attorney for clemency failed, and on the night of January 15th, 1954, she was dragged to the electric chair in the state penitentiary at Columbus, screaming, weeping hysterically, praying, and begging for forgiveness. Although the Lord may have heard her prayers and forgiven her. she committed such a crime against the dignity and decency of mankind that many of us cannot. To know that a Dovie Dean could be horn and nurtured and exist in our civilization curdles the blood

EGITOR'S NOTE: The names, Joe Kelso and John Woolton, as used in this case, are fictitious. THE KNO

Convict's Woman (continued from pope 8)

their arrival, an expensive television set was seen delivered from a London firm. Perhaps the best way for all of us to meet the Smiths, and to learn the reason for the terror and anxiety that dwelt there in the cottage with the young wife, would be to sit with them one night watching the screen

of their handsome TV set There is a crisp, official announcement from Scotland Yard. Six desperate convicts have broken out of Strangeways Gaol at Manchester. Their ring-leader is Eddie (Terrible Ted) Rice, notorious criminal, serving 10 years for the brutal blackiacking of an elderly bookmaker and his wife.

Now, one after the other, their Here's Terrible Ted Rice Mrs. Smith shudders. Her whole body tenses. She cannot bear to watch

But mild-mannered Mr. Smith chuckles. He can scarcely contain his amusement. "They don't make me look very

handsome, do they?" he says sar-castically. "I'll have to send them a new picture one of these days." Among the millions who saw Rice's picture on TV that night, of course, were residents in West End

Lane. But they never would have recognized him as their affable new neighbor. Mr. Smith-with his new hair style, his newly grown mous-tache, and half-rimmed spectacles. Nor had hundreds of policemen whom he passed in the street known him either. The other five fugitives had long since been captured. But Rice, in his perfect hideout and in his equally perfect disguise, had eluded a dragnet cast-over the whole of Britain. And all the while he led a double life so fantastic that it staggers be-

lief. Mr. Smith by day, puttering about his rose garden, waving cheerfully

to bis wife as she goes off on her daily shopping tour. Terrible Ted Rice by night, back with his old underworld cronies,

plotting, robbing, blowing safes in the heart of London,-even brazenly attending parties where thieves and assorted thugs gathered with their Let Ann Rice tell about these so-

cial gatherings. For this is, after all, her story. "Although there was a reward out for Ted, and he was being hunted like a wild animal everywhere in

the country." Ann Rice said "we went to parties given by friends. "But party-going was a risky business and we took every precaution. No one but the host would be told we were going to attend for there was always the danger of

some one-you'd never know who-tipping off the police. "Always it was arranged so we would be the last couple to arrive No other guests were admitted, once we were there. And all during the party, no one was permitted to leave the house or to use the phone.

"When the party was over, no one was allowed to leave before Ted and I had made our departure and had been given ample time to get clear of the neighborhood." Ann Rice lived a life of fear, as fearful in each hour as if she had been a criminal herself and on the

run. Ann recalled the last time she visited Ted Rice in Strangeways Prison. It was not a new experience for her. During the 14 years of their marriage. Rice had spent more time with jailers and cell mates than be had with his wife. She had visited him in Dartmoor, Wandsworth, Pentonville, Lewes, Preston-and still other prisons.

Ann said on this last visit to Strangeways she sensed something in her convict husband's attitude that told her he planned an escape attempt. Through the heavy glass partition that separated them during the interview, Rice had berated himself for having been "not much of a husband."

"All I wish now," he told Ann, "is that I had given you a decent break, as any good wife should

It was only a short time afterwards that Ann Rice saw her intuitive warnings justified. Terrible Ted Rice and five other dangerous men. the newspaper headlines said, had broken out of Strangeways Now Ann's intuition told her something else: Rice would make a desperate effort, would risk his life.

to see her and their boy. Then one night Ann got a mystersous message to come to a certain address. She thought it might be a trap, some sort of police ruse. "But I went anyhow," she said. "I had to take the chance. I had to

see him. So I drew 400 pounds out of the bank. I knew we'd find it useful. Because in the world Ted and I lived in, money talked bigger than anything else.

That same night I saw Ted and it was just heaven, being together again. It didn't matter to me whether I was doing the right thing or not. "Ted was in a hideout across the river. Although I knew the police were watching me, we managed to meet every day without being

caught." It was during these meetings that Terrible Ted and pretty Ann made the plans that brought them, with then son to peaceful West End Lane and the pleasant young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, came into be-

"I lived always in fear," Ann said, "A knock on the door would terrify me, or even the sound of the phone ringing.

'As for Ted, although he made light of everything. I know that he was afraid too. He rarely went out of the yard during the day. He would never go to a pub or to the cinema and on the few occasions when he went with me to shop, he would cross the road rather than come face to face with a policeman walking his beat.

Ann also was beset with another worry. Their money couldn't last forever and she knew what Ted Ricc would do to replenish their funds. She was right

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"They stopped talking at once," Ann said. "Scarcely a word was said the whole time I was in the room. Well, you can't be married to a man like Ted as long as I have been without getting to know about these things.

"They were planning some sort of job and I knew it. I also knew there'd be little use in trying to persuade Ted not to get mixed up in anything else."

Meanwhile, said Ann, they had bought a small car. And occasionally she could forget-or at least pretend to forget-the haunting shadow that hung eternally over the little bungalow in West End Lane. Ann told of one night when they

were driving around the quiet suburb and ran out of gas. Rice thought it a great joke when a policeman came and gave their car a push! While their neighbors in the lane may have admired the nice Mr. Smith for his unremitting attention

to his rose bushes. Ann knew the real answer. Terrible Ted Ricc was no horticulturist, no lover of flowers. If he may be said to have had a "green thumb," then it must bave had to

do with greenbacks in large denom-For under those bushes in front of the charming little bungalow was buried enough gelignite (gelatin dynamite) to blow up a row of

several houses. Ted Rice wasn't blowing up any house, however. He was using the explosive to open safes here and about, including one at Essex Air-field which yielded I.204 pounds. In February, at Rice's suggestion, Ann had gone home to spend awhile with ber mother. Rice lived alone in

From the time of the break from Strangeways Prison, the hunt for Terrible Ted Rice had gone on relentlessly and several times, before he became Mr. Smith of West End Lane, Kilburn, the men from Scot-land Yard bad come within a whis-

the bungalow

ker of nailing him cold. There was the time when detectives swooped down on a flat in Bermondsey, which Rice shared with one of the fugitives. When the man-hunters crashed in they collared the other escaped convict. But Terrible Ted bad already taken

Then he laid false trails by deliberately showing himself in South London,-which sent the Yard men on many a wild goose chase,-before doubling back to North London and eventually to Kilburn.

For weeks detectives watched the house where Ann and her son were living. They donned all manner of disguises, men and women sleuths, and doggedly trailed Rice's known associates in the vain hope that they would lead the way to his hideout. Then came the Essex Airfield safe

job and, as Rice bimself was to say, somebody ratted." By ones and twos, more than 40 detectives came quietly into West End Lane in the dark of the night

and surrounded the bungalow. The only light on in the house came from the living room . . . Terrible Ted Rice, with his wife away, - was spending the lonely hours, as many another husband has

done, watching television. As they put a ring around the bungalow, certain now that their man was within, the detectives moved silently and cautiously. They were confident that such a bardbitten character as Terrible Ted Rice would not submit to arrest peaceably. They expected a fight

and were prepared for it. But Rice surprised them. In response to a knock he came to the door in a gaudy dressing gown and

Terrible Ted Rice was anything but stupid. He knew the jig was up. Rice had I12 pounds in the pocket of his dressing gown which he admitted was stolen from the safe at Essex Airfield. There was also a large amount of stolen tobacco in the bungalow.

Then Rice, playing the part of genial host to the hilt, took his guests from Scotland Yard out in the garden and proudly showed them his rose bushes-and where the gelignite was buried. All in all, Rice was most coopera-

tive. Except in one important particular. He refused to name any of his confederates, explaining, quite frankly, that to do so might well cost him his life, whether he was in prison or out. For in Rice's crowd death is considered much too good for a squealer. Ann was there on last March 16th

when Terrible Ted Rice, still wellmannered, was brought into Old In a small almost timid voice he pleaded guilty to the airfield robbery and to possession of stolen

tobacco and gelignite.

In solemn tones the judge sentenced him to I3 years in prison. Ann gave an agonized cry as she heard the sentence and then sobbed as if her heart would break.

"I saw the look on his face," she smiled at me. He looked so beaten, so bopeless . After all, Ann was not talking

about Terrible Ted Rice, hardened criminal and veteran jailbird She was talking about Ted, her husband, father of her son,

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Sheriff Burr of the local police force. With a large posse, he started to hunt night and day for the schoolgirl who had gone on an errand the day before, and never returned. The grueling search continued for 10 days, without success, and

eventually the posse disbanded. Two months later, while looking for a hidden still in an old mine shaft, the sheriff came across the decayed remains of a young girl. The officer immediately summoned Betty Turner's father. The elderly man viewed the corpse with tears streaming down his face. "That's my little girl," he said, sobbing.

"Are you positive?" Burr asked. Anguished, Turner nodded and handed the officer a small gold circlet. "This ring you found here is the one I gave my daughter on her twelfth hirthday."

Burr's face grew tense. "Now that identification is positive, I won't rest until I find the mur-derer." News of Burr's discovery spread

like wildfire through Bowden. But before the sheriff could grill any suspects, a woman burst into his office. He recognized her as Ann Sawver.

"I know who murdered Betty Turner," she said with flashing eyes, "It was Bill Waters, a cab driver. I saw Betty in his cab the

day she disappeared!" Though the sheriff could not take such slim evidence seriously, he summoned Waters to Headquarters. Thirty minutes later, the cabble left, freed by an iron-clad alibi.

But that same afternoon, Ann Sawyer again flounced into Burr's roomy office. The tale she now told made the sheriff's eyes pop. The

woman claimed that she had seen Waters club Betty Turner into unconsciousness, attack her, and then thrust her body down the mine shaft

This time, Waters' protests of in-nocence fell on deaf ears. He was instantly indicted for murder. And though his counsel insisted that the corpse in the shaft was not Betty Turner, the cab driver was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment.

The people of Bowden believed a merciless killer had received his just desserts. Only his faithful wife grieved for the man behind bars. But exactly one year later, someone else remembered the cabbie.

Patrolman George Savage, vacationing in Franklin, Kentucky, was galvanized into action by a familiar name he saw on a hotel register. It was that of Betty Turner! In three hours, the officer located

Betty-prettier than ever and in the best of health. The girl could hardly believe a man had been imprisoned for her murder. "Why nothing at all happened to me," she explained. "I ran away

from home because I couldn't get along with my step-mother." Betty returned to Bowden imme-diately, and Bill Waters became a

free man once more. Meanwhile, Ann Sawyer was taken into custody. She refused to explain her vicious lie. But now Waters was able to do so. -

"She wanted me to divorce my wife and marry her. I wouldn't, so she accused me of murder to get even with me." Thus, a love-crazed woman kept

an innocent man in prison for one long year - paying with precious hours of his life for a "murder" that had actually never been committed!

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or infamous, Mrs. Maybrick had found her way to Gaylordsville! For 20 years, they watched the increasingly eccentric "Mrs. Chand-ler" lead her solitary life. Toward the last, her house was overrun with cats and, as the Gaylordsville people tactfully put it, she let the niceties of household hygiene go by the board. Certainly, her house was a mess when in September, 1941, her wizened body was found on the kitchen floor amid an indescribable clutter of saucers of stale milk, yellowing copies of the New York Times (the only reading matter she could afford) and a round dozen of frantic and hewildered cate

The woman's identity came to light then. It was hard to believe that this human derelict had once been the enchanting Mrs. Maybrick of London and Liverpool fame, the "American Beauty of England," who had turned noblemen's heads when she drove down Regent Street. Mrs. Maybrick, born Florence Chandler in Mobile Alabama in

1862, went to England at the age of 18 and snared herself James Maybrick-a middle aged sportsman cotton merchant and cad. Business compelled Mr. Maybrick to make his home in Liverpool, then a gloomy and sinister port that could easily inspire gloomy and sinister thoughts. It seemed to have inspired them in Mrs. Maybrick. James Maybrick had been a phi-

landerer to begin with, but after his marriage be settled down to some serious carousing. His wild horsebetting became national legend, likewise his prowess and fortitude with young ladies. For his mornings-after, which must have been terrifying to him and everyone else, he swore by a prepara-tion of his chemist-liquor arsenicalie

Oddly enough, young Mrs. Maybrick found that an arsenic lotion was excellent for her complexionwhich was suffering about this time from late hours and the rich Victorian diet. Since arsenic was not easily obtained in quantity, she bought flypaper and patiently soaked the arsenic out of it in her china wash bowl. This was observed by one of the maids, Alice Yapp, who was to tell about it later when the trial came up.

The Maybricks had two young children by 1889, and for social reasons, they pretended to be a bappy man and wife. Actually, they led separate lives. James had other women: Florence had at least one other man. There was a quarrel in the spring of 1889 and talk of a divorce but this seems to have been patched up. Mrs. Maybrick made a trip to London and stayed at a hotel

with an anonymous lover. To make James' story short, his chronic dyspepsia or alcoholic ulcers laid him very low in May, 1889. and a day and a night nurse were installed in the Liverpool house. Under the circumstances, Mrs. Maybrick showed a solicitude that might have been commendable at a glance. The nurses, however, soon told the London doctor that her bedside manner was "both suspicious and surreptitious."

FOR INSTANCE, there was the time a bottle of medicine disappeared from James' bedtable for 12 hours. When it reappeared, one of James' two brothers, frequent visitors to the sickbed, whisked it off to Dr. Carter for analysis. A half grain of arsenic was found in the half bottle of liquid that remained. To say the least, Dr. Carter and the brothers got their suspicions up about Florence and they made residence in the

house hell for her. "I can't even bring him a glass of water!" Florence burst out tearfully one day when the three stalwart men blocked her way into James'

Seven pairs of eyes glared hostilely at her-the doctor's, the two nurses', the two brothers' and the two maids'. Moreover, another of the maids made so bold as to rip open a letter

to London which Mrs. Maybrick had given her to mail. It was to Florence Maybrick's anonymous and patient lover: Mu husband is sick unto death.

When James' brothers were informed of this, their war against Florence came into the open. By May 11th, James Maybrick was dead. and the brothers could hardly wait for the autopsy. Disappointingly, only a tenth of a grain was found in his stomach-not even equivalent to

James' morning dose, one might think. A minimum fatal dose of arsenic is two grains Therein, perhaps, lies the mys-tery of the whole Maybrick caseand its solution. Florence Maybrick was simply too afraid too unsure of herself, to administer the big dose necessary to carry off an arsenic tippler of James' capacities. There is not much doubt she played at it. But according to all medical testimony at the autopsy, at the trial,

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upper hand. And Florence Maybrick had not a chance in the world Her attorney, Sir Charles Russell. was famed as a brilliant orator. But if it was he who advised her to keep her husband's dissipations a secret so that she would appear to have less motive, he was not so brilliant in the summer of 1889. Her own brief escapade in the London hotel was dug up and aired in court, so that she appeared a faithless spouse who had most despicably poisoned her exemplary mate for her lover. Everything conspired against her-The flypaper Alice Yapp had seen long before James' death could only have been her cool preparation for his murder. The only witness in her behalf, chemist James Heaton who sold liquor arsenicalis, was so ill when he testified, his voice could hardly be heard. Perhaps the jury did not wish to hear it too well. And, to be perfectly just, it was strange that various closets in the Maybrick household should disclose

caches of arsenic-in a salt box, in a shoe pocket, a laundry receptacle. In all, they added up to an amount which would have killed five or six persons! The jury debated 35 minutes and returned a verdict of "Guilty."

MRS. MAYERICK was put in jail for life, which meant 20 years, with three months off each year for good behavior. But even then, a noisy handful, mainly on the other side of the Atlantic, dared to say they believed Mrs. Maybrick innocent. They plagued Queen Victoria with petitions until the august lady was moved to say she was "neither amused nor interested." Doctors reaffirmed in newspapers that James

Martined in Intergulary that James Maybrick did not die of arsenic. Perhaps the times had to change before Florence Maybrick's luck could. It was that caster-going more than the state of the state of

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Years later, her story was to inspire Anthony Berkeley to write The Wychford Poisoning Case, and Sydney Grundy his famous play, A Pool's Paradise.

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is no quitting-differing from some of the boy hoodlums, who occasionally show mercy to their vanguished foes." Many - perhaps a majority - of fights between rival boy gangs erupt

as a result of disputes over girls. "I don't doubt in the least that if all the girls were removed from the face of the earth," said one New York Youth Board official, "the boys would find something else to fight about

And, by the same token, he added, when the girls fight-they fight over

In the New York area, particularly, organized girl gangs are waxing ever more powerful. And this despite statements by the Police Department's Juvenile Aid Bureau that "things have quieted down."

Investigators of this mounting menace believe the police base their

inions on inadequate statistics They emphasize that "many youngsters victimized by the gangs are afraid to report their experiences to the authorities." Arthur Clinton, director of the

New York Public School System's Bureau of Attendance, said many children were afraid to go to school because of the vicious beatings perpetrated by youthful terrorists-both

boys and girls.

"In some communities, it is probably very wise for a child to belong to a gang. Otherwise he is a target Recently, when a teen-age girl, a good student, failed to report to school, she was promptly visited by truant officers. After being literally sworn to secrecy, the frightened girl gave them her reason.

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gangs was spelled out recently at a meeting of outraged parents in Levittown, New York.

Most of the parents asked that their names be withheld because they were afraid their daughters would be beaten in reprisal. One man told the meeting that his 12-year-old daughter, had been severely beaten by a band of Im-

perial Hoods "Last summer," he said, "a girl was beaten unconscious by the same gang beside a Levittown bathing

"One of the attackers was a girl who had beaten my daughter . "Last February, a group of at least 10 girls attacked another girl. She was rescued by her mother, who had parked in her car outside the school.

"As they drove away, the gang threw stones at the car and yelled obscenities . A mother, who preferred not to have her name published, told the

meeting: "The Hoods meet (at school) during lunchtime. They make their ever knows whom the gang will attack next." The gang girl, so faithfully port-

rayed by the Williamsburg Hawks, is a phenomenon of today-not something we look back upon as a curiosity of a time gone by, a warped product of another era. At the hour that this is written.

teletype machines in newspaper offices throughout the country are busily tapping out the story of a 15-year-old girl . . She is first seen by passersby on

the street. She is teetering on the roof-ledge of a five-story apartment building in the Bronx "Go back, go back!" shout the horrified people who gather in the street

But the girl does not hear them. Now she begins to scream hysterically. She sways drunkenly. And, time and again, she almost plunges from her precarious perch to certain death upon the pavement

Rescuers climb up through the building, among them two of her classmates. As they gain the roof, it is plain to them that the girl is dazed, out

of her senses entirely. And she is bleeding. The horrified crowd grows in the street. All eyes are turned upward toward the girl as she wavers on

the brink of eternity. Now her schoolmates-two boyscall to her softly, reassuringly. At first, she seems unaware of their presence. But they continue to coax

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her-"Come back, It's all right, come At last the imperiled girl seems to understand. She steps back a few inches-a few more-and the boys clasp her in their arms and carry her to safety.

The girl had been on the roof edge for a full 10 minutes-any second of which might have been her last. Weeping and hysterical, she is taken to Lincoln Hospital. She is barely coherent, but she manages to sob out the reason for her presence on the roof

"They chased me, they beat me," she cries. "Who chased you. Who do you mean?"

"That gang of girls," she moans. "They jumped on me after school." The girl's trembling fingers touched an ugly wound on ber right cheek "They scratched and beat me-

and bit me She could not say, then, bow she got to the roof. All she knew was that she had been savarely attacked and had been running for her life . . . They are tough, indeed, the gang girls of New York-the teen-age terrorists who today prowl the rtreets of Any City, U.S.A. THE END

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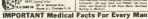
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ERHAPS THE STRANGEST woman outlaw who ever rode the West was the head of a gang of robbers and killers who posed as a man and called herself "Tom King." Her real name was Flora Quick Mundis, a Western desperado and highwayman with a degree from Holden College in Mis-

souri. Shortly after setting her diploma. Flora ran off with a wandering hobo named George Mundis. She learned to ride, became a fancy shot with rifle and revolver, and got her basic training stealing horses and cattle from the natives in the Indian Territory. After Mundis was killed by an irate rancher, Flora flipped her calico dresses and laces away and put on masculine attire. She successfully passed as

As Tom King, Flora killed eight men that are known of, but another estimate puts her murders easily at twenty. One story has it that Flora strode into a house of ill repute in Arizona and shot to death three women for no explainable reason. Although it was not generally suspected that Tom King was a woman, Flora's family knew of her disguise. Persistent efforts by her parents to get her to resume the life of a woman failed-and Flora in her mid-thirties continued ter-

rorizing the West with her gang of hoodlums and killers. Shortly before the new century Tom King disappeared from the desperado horizon, and one report said that she had been killed in New Mexico while she and her gang fought off some law-enforcement

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Finally the cops came and Jenny gave them a hard time, too, Eventually they got her in a police car and drove to City Hall. There, as she was being taken in for questioning. Jenny broke away and made a run for it. She sprinted for 50 yards or more before she was finally caught and taken inside What was her name?

Jenny Cov It couldn't be that her real name was Mrs. Elizabeth Noff of Inglewood, Colorado? Mother of two

To these questions Jenny answered in true movie gun-moll fashion: "Cloudy outside, ain't it?" The bank which Jenny had tried

to hold up was the Security-First National branch at Seventh and Witmer Streets But she deniedwith some more observations on the weather-that she had any nort in the holdup less than a month before of a Bank of America branch. A blonde, whom the police said bore a striking resemblance to Jenny, got away with \$1,800 in that After she was taken to the County Jail, Jenny become more coopera-

tive with her questioners and talked quite freely. There were two things which Jenny resented more than anything else from the police. First, she didn't like being called a "wildcat." Secondly, she resented their suggesting she was the mother of two boys. Then, at last, the police came up with one of the strangest motives for a crime in history. They exhibited a receipt from a Colorado boys school and said: "The reason

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have something to do with it. Sheriff Thomas thought so too and burried to Brodderick's farm. The car was found to be a gray sedan belonging to a Mrs. Lance Ruthledge, a widow with two children, who lived a few miles from

the Ansels. Mrs. Ruthledge was able to shed little light on the mystery. She parked the car every night on a side road leading up to her house. Evidently the bandits helped themselves to it, she said. She hadn't even missed it until the sheriff call-

ed on her. Sheriff Thomas spent the after-

noon visiting farmers who lived along the road leading to Kuhntown. None of them, however, could recall anything unusual on the night of the shooting.

On the way back to his office, Sheriff Thomas cruised slowly along the road leading from Kuhntown. In a field, not far from where he'd found Ansel's car, he suddenly noticed a bundle. He stooped his car, got out and investigated.

The bundle contained two suits of men's clothing. One was blue, the other gray. Both were shabby and

natched.

Inside a coat pocket, Sheriff Thomas found two masks made from black stockings. He knew he'd made an important discovery. That afternoon he took the trousers from the gray suit and headed for the general store. It was filled with farmers' wives and their kids. Sheriff Thomas casually asked, "Anyone recognize this pair of trousers?"

"Bill Ruthledge had a pair like that," a youth answered. "Seen him wear them a lot of times. Bill Ruthledge! He was the son of the woman whose stolen car was found that morning in the farmer's field. Was there any connection be-

tween the Ruthledges and the Ansels? Several chats with womenfolk of the neighborhood brought forth

that answer. There was quite a connection. A couple of years ago Robert Ansel had worked for the gas company. At the same time, Mrs. Ruthledge had operated a gas station across from her home. It was her sole means of support after her husband

died A business introduction between the two developed into an intimate friendship of which the neighborhood women did not approve. Nor did Mrs. Ruthledge's sister, Mrs. Penny Perkins, who lived with her. Mrs. Perkins had pointed out that there was no hope for the ro-

mance because Ansel was not interested in divorcing his wife. Nevertheless, Mrs. Ruthledge carried on the affair. She and Ansel often were seen in Ansel's car long

after midnight. When Sheriff Thomas had created a picture of the romance between Ansel and the widow Ruthledge, he tried to fit the 14-year-old son into

Perhaps the lad had heard the . gossip about his mother and sought to end it. But if so, why had he shot Mrs. Ansel and not her husband? Sheriff Thomas decided something was wrong with the whole setup and formed a plan which he hoped would bring the mystery out

in the open, perhaps even solve it. He went to Mrs. Ruthledge and told her that he suspected her son was the bandit who killed Mrs. Ansel. He added that he would have to take the boy into custody, The story had its effect. Mrs. Ruthledge went to pieces. It was obvious that she loved her son. And

to protect him, she cleared up the shooting of Mrs. Ansel. "My sister, Mrs. Penny Perkins, and I killed Mrs. Ansel." she said. The sheriff was understandably

shocked as the widow continued. Bob Ansel had refused to divorce his wife so he could marry her, Mrs. Ruthledge explained. But if Mrs. Ansel was dead, he would be free to marry her, the sisters had reasoned. So they had to kill Mrs.

Ansel. Mrs. Perkins put on young Bill's old gray suit and Mrs. Ruthledge wore old clothes that belonged to her late husband.

They parked their car about two miles from the Ansel home and headed for it on foot. Along the way they agreed that Mrs. Perkins should do the killing. It didn't seem right somehow that Ansel's next wife should kill his

present wife! And why had they taken Ansel along with them after the shooting? To make sure be couldn't do anvthing to help save his wife's life. Fortunately for the sisters, Mrs. Ansel did not die. And so they went on trial for attempted murder and

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